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Prison consent decree lifted

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona terminated yesterday the 15-year-old consent decree between the CNMI government and the U.S. Department of Justice that resolved prison conditions in the Commonwealth.

Manglona said she is fully satisfied with her review of the final joint consent decree report and commended everyone for all their efforts.

At the end of the hearing, those present in the courtroom applauded.

Assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, counsel for the CNMI government, and DOJ's trial attorney Jeffrey R. Murray, filed the final consent decree report in court.

Aside from Sablan and Murray, assistant U.S. attorney Mikel Schwab also appeared for the U.S. government at the hearing. Seated beside Sablan at defendants' table were Department of Corrections Commissioner Ramon Mafnas and DOC director Gregory Castro. DOC officers were also present in court.

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PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

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Members of the Department of Public Safety's Special Enforcement Action Section render a 21-gun salute during the National Peace Officers Memorial Day ceremony yesterday at DPS in Susupe. Inset, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero present a memorial wreath to honor and pay tribute to fallen DPS officers and firefighters along with those who were disabled or seriously injured in the line of duty.

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Lawmakers slam CUC's proposed fees

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» Delegation OKs on first reading $1M for land comp, museum

Using phrases such as "bordering on ridiculous" and "idiotic proposals," Saipan lawmakers took turns late yesterday afternoon lambasting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s proposed new and increased fees that include up to 250 percent hikes for some, new fees as high as $800, and late charges from 1 percent to 9 percent. Lawmakers also warned CUC of potentially violating laws that set certain rates and fees.

At the same time, Saipan lawmakers passed on first reading yesterday a local bill appropriating a total of $1 million in Managaha landing fees for the payment of land compensation and funding for the NMI Museum of History and

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Hopwood among potential casino site

» If license is granted, retirees could get 25% pension late-June to July
» Commission consultants 'ahead of schedule'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that among the potential sites on Saipan for a minimum $2 billion integrated resort with a casino is the current location of Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao, with the investor funding the school relocation costs. However, everything still depends on whether the Lottery Commission will grant Best Sunshine International Ltd. an exclusive casino license on or before June 19.

The governor said if and when a casino license is granted and the $30 million in escrow is released, retirees could expect

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PH consulate ends 5-day mobile consular services

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The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, concluded its three-day mobile consular services on Saipan yesterday at the Daidai Social Hall at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Susupe.

A similar outreach was held on Tinian the week before on May 9 to 10 at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Consul Mark F. Hamoy said the three-day event is a regular outreach that provides consular services for passports, civil registry, and notary services.

"They go through a two-stage process where they enlist in advance because it is limited and we capture their data and biometrics," Hamoy said.

Hamoy said they work on 120 passport applications per day, for a total of 480 for the entire four-day outreach on both Tinian and Saipan.

"We have walk-ins as well. We provide services and they take the chance because if the quota is not yet filled we take those who are qualified," Hamoy said.

Nelly Sablan, 52, who missed the outreach on Tinian due to a three-day track-and-field competition for her students, said she came to Saipan to renew her passport.

"I am a coach and I missed the outreach on Tinian because we were here on Saipan for a competition at [Gilbert C.] Ada Gymnasium, so I came to this one to renew my passport, which is almost expired," she said.

Bhoyet Tapaoan, 46, said he came with his girlfriend to renew his passport.

"It is difficult because if there is no schedule or appointment they sometimes cannot accept walk-ins," he said.

United Filipino Organization

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Quichocho files taxpayer's suit vs Inos over casino law

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Lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho has filed in Superior Court a taxpayer's lawsuit that questioned the constitutionality of the 2-month-old casino law.

Quichocho filed the lawsuit on Wednesday for himself and on behalf of the CNMI taxpayers. He named as defendants Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, and the Lottery Commission.

The lawyer is suing for alleged violation of the NMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho asked the court to declare the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law as unconstitutional and unlawful.

He asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, preventing Inos and co-defendants from performing any rights or obligations under the casino law, pending the resolution and final disposition of the lawsuit.

He also asked the court to issue a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from performing any rights and obligations under the casino law.

Quichocho is asking for payment of unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and costs.

Quichocho stated in his complaint that this case is about an unconstitutional casino law that was passed only by the votes of some conflicted representatives in the House, and only by the votes of some conflicted senators, and signed by a conflicted governor.

Fallen DPS officers, firefighters honored, given tribute

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero led yesterday the presentation of a memorial wreath to honor and pay tribute to fallen DPS officers and firefighters, along with those who were disabled or seriously injured in the line of duty.

At the National Peace Officers Memorial Day ceremony held at DPS, a tribute was also presented to three retired DPS officers who passed away: Nicolas Q. Muña, Jose C. Tudela, and Thomas M. Manglona.

Inos and Deleon Guerrero also led government officials and community leaders in unveiling the new DPS signage.

In his remarks, Inos said the ceremony is not one that should mark mourning but with inspiration and pride "for the work of all who have stood fast and strong in the line of fire."

To the families, the governor said the Commonwealth will be forever be indebted to their loved ones' commitment and service. "Not everything lasts forever, but I assure you, their memories will," he said.

In his welcoming remarks, Deleon Guerrero said the ceremony is a tribute to law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty and to remember those who had served their time, since retired from service and have now been called to their eternal rest.

Deleon Guerrero apologized to DPS families for the department's failure to complete a museum that he had promised last year. He assured the families, however, that it will be done this year.

Deleon Guerrero pledged a year ago to initiate and complete the renovations of two buildings at DPS as the CNMI Public Safety Museum.

"I claimed that the museum would be made open today. The results of our efforts have been disappointing as I have not met the goal, and for that, I sincerely apologize," he said.

He disclosed that efforts to complete the museum have taken longer than expected because of many challenges, including design changes to the original plan and that the late chartering of a Public Safety Foundation.

"Internally in our department, we were faced with an insurmountable debt, vehicles and equipment were in significant state of disrepair, our facilities were dilapidated to a point of near condemnation," he said.

Things are, however, turning around because of the perseverance and determination of many of the department's personnel.

The changes to the original plan, he said, includes incorporating a 25-seat classroom as a law enforcement in-service training and driver's education and testing center, the records and archives component and additions to the proposed memorial site to be built in front of the two buildings.

He announced that the in-service training and driver's education center will also display the photos of all deceased officers—both while active and retired.

He said the archive and the records offices will be open by the end of next week.

The commissioner said new fiber optic cables connecting all criminal justice entities, from the department to the Office of the Attorney General to Corrections and the courts, will soon be made.

He said the full automation of the department's entire records will soon become a reality. DPS is in the process of upgrading their current records management software.

With the help of the Inos administration, he said they are clearing their debts and they will be accessing funds to complete the renovation and expansion of the facilities to include the evidence and crime scene processing facilities, the police complaint room for patrol officers, and the rest of the administrative and general support service offices.

"We owe it to those whose names will soon be etched into the granite stone wall to do good. We owe it to them to do our very best and in the face of whatever comes our way," the commissioner said.

In his closing remarks, Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero said it is fitting to recognize and honor all who have chosen law enforcement as a career.

Leon Guerrero vowed that the Legislature is working to secure funding for the ongoing security initiatives, and an all-out effort to combat the growing influence of drugs.

The honored officers at the ceremony were Capts. Justino T. Arriola and Tommy Alexander; Sgt. Julian A. Manglona; Police Officers Abraham S. Quitugua, Erlinse C. Santos, Gilbert M. Taisacan, Wilgene T. Lieto, Joe Charfauros Jr.; Fire Fighters Esteban R. Nogis, Ernie T. Dela Cruz, and Joaquin Camacho; and resident director John T. Barcinas.

Officers disabled or seriously injured in the line of duty were Police Sgt. Antonio SN Borja, and Police Officers Marvin S. Camacho, Jose Cepeda, and Victor M. Hocog.

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Student allegedly points airgun at teacher

A male student at Kagman High School allegedly pointed what appeared to be an airgun at a male teacher inside a classroom yesterday morning.

Sources said police were called, but the student was not arrested pending further investigation.

Sources said the student allegedly made a racial slur about white Americans then pointed the airgun at the teacher.

When asked about the incident, Department of Public Safety police spokesman Travis Hurst said this is an active case and will be turned over to the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation.

Hurst said what he has gathered so far was that a student brought an airsoft pistol to school.

Hurst said he had no information yet if the pistol was brandished or if threats were made. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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volunteers and District 204 Lions Club of Saipan members aided the Philippine consulate.

"We are volunteering, arranging, and introducing clients for renewal and extension of passports," said Nenita Marquez of Lions Club.

Florence Miranda of UFO said that some clients come with questions about expired passports and if they want to renew their CW status they have to extend their passport.

Hamoy said the documents that the public turns in are processed already and if they don't have the required documents they won't be accommodated.

"Any reason to extend passport is if you are renewing your CW for employment, going off-island for medical condition to be treated, or if someone died in your family," he said.

Hamoy said that the process takes time, especially for passports.

"It will go to the Philippines then to Guam and then we email or contact our clients if their passport is here," he said.

UFO's Anna De Guzman said that she sometimes pick up the passports when she goes to Guam.

"When I go to Guam for check up, sometimes I pick up passports for clients if they give me their receipts," De Guzman said.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the Philippine Consulate General at its toll free number (670) 682-2222.

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to get their deferred 25 percent pension by end June or July.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said if a casino license is granted, the $30 million is expected to cover retirees' deferred 25-percent pension, and "about 90 percent" of interest on retirement contribution withdrawals.

At the same time, Inos said commission consultants are "ahead of schedule" as the number of applicants is "down to one."

Inos was among those who attended the public presentation of Best Sunshine's business plan on Tuesday. He said the decision rests with the Lottery Commission, not him.

He hopes that there won't be major issues affecting the applicant's "suitability" to operate a casino on Saipan.

The Lottery Commissioned hired two U.S. based consultants to help evaluate Best Sunshine's application: casino investigator B2G Global Strategies and gaming consultant The Innovation Group of Companies.

When asked whether he has outstanding concerns about the application process, the governor cited the "issue of the Marianas Stars, that may or may not have met the deadline and so forth."

The four-member Lottery Commission chaired by Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar rejected Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.'s application, citing the investor's failure to timely deposit $30 million in escrow as required by law.

Marianas Stars is seeking reconsideration of the commission's decision, and the latter granted the investor's request for a meeting today.

"I understand the commission's position, but I also understand that they are willing to give them a chance to make whatever presentation they wanted to make, notwithstanding the deadline…keeping in mind that the deadline is still a deadline. Unless something is changed, the decision remains," the governor said.

As to the possible location of an integrated resort on Saipan should a casino license is approved, the governor echoed Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio's recommendation for the investor to look for private properties first before setting their sight on public lands. Inos said his administration would like private landowners to directly benefit from the project.

But because of the magnitude of the project—at least 2,000 rooms and a minimum $2 billion integrated resort—there are hardly any private land available on Saipan that can accommodate the project. But he said depending on the investor, it can use private lands and public lands adjacent to each other.

"For example, the only thing I can think of is maybe Hopwood [Junior] High School but that requires the relocation of the school," he said, adding that the investor will have to fund the relocation of the school. Hopwood is in a beach area, which is preferred for an integrated resort development.

LAWMAKERS

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Culture in Garapan.

Toward the end of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation session, around 4:30pm, lawmakers took turns slamming CUC for its proposed fees that are now before the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

They also raised concerns about CUC's independent regulatory consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group, for what lawmakers describe as unreasonable billings that at times reach "over half-a-million annually."

"Extremely troubling," Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said as he read a notice in the newspaper showing CUC's current and proposed fees.

He cited, for example, the proposed increase in "late" charges for electric, water and wastewater from the current 1 percent to 10 percent—a 9-percentage point difference.

The investigation fee for electric service, according to CUC's proposal, will be $600, a 250-percent increase from the current $60.

Yumul reminded his colleagues that today is the "deadline to notify CPUC if a person wants to actively engage the [CUC] board."

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said CUC's proposed rates are "bordering on ridiculous."

"Idiotic proposal," he said, as he vented his frustration with CUC.

Reyes is chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications.

"CUC is running loose, uncontrolled. If it's the Legislature's creation, we un-create it," he added.

CUC's current fee for "new electric service (single phase)" is $135. CUC proposes this to become $450, a 233-percent increase.

There are seven other "new" fees, the highest being the new electric service (three-phase) of $800.

This is followed by CUC's proposed $690 renewable energy installation inspection.

"This means you have to pay from zero to now $690 just to notify CUC of the installation of [renewable energy] panels, and then $125 for renewable energy annual inspection," Yumul said. "This is extremely troubling… It's like they're pulling numbers from the air."

CUC is proposing a $600 fee for new electric service connection-after hours, and unauthorized electric connection, $550.

The other proposed new fees are the disconnection at pole fee of $220, and reconnection at pole, $200.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House PUTC Committee, said a lot of community members, including the chairman of the newly re-established CUC board, are also concerned about the proposed fees.

Reyes, during the session, said he is drafting a Senate resolution that will "get rid of excessive billings" by Georgetown Consulting. He said he's been made aware that Georgetown would call CUC to provide data for its review, "and then charges for the data that CUC provided."

The senator also said CUC may have—or has already been—violating certain laws that set certain charges or fees.

"CUC does not comply with the law. [For example], the commercial rate for PSS sewer, water has not been implemented so PSS is still billed in excess of what the law dictates," he said.

In March, Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a bill that drastically cuts the reconnection fee for CUC customers. For example, the reconnection fee will now be $25 instead of $60 for CUC residential customers. Lawmakers questioned yesterday how this relates to CUC's proposed "reconnection at pole" of $200.

Land claims payment

Saipan lawmakers passed on first reading yesterday afternoon House Local Bill 18-145, authored by Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) and four others. The bill is expected to pass on final reading next session and will then go to the governor for action.

Of the total amount, $900,000 will be for land compensation payments to be "distributed equally by percentage to all land compensation claims" on Saipan, and the remaining $100,000 for the museum's much-needed renovation and upkeep.

They also passed on first reading delegation chairman Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) HLB 18-37. Yumul offered a substitute version. The bill appropriates lapsed funds of $47,730 from five local laws.

The delegation also confirmed two of the governor's appointees by a vote of 19-0 each. They are Elizabeth Balajadia to serve as a member of the Zoning Board, and Herman P. Sablan, to continue serving on the Zoning Board.

Saipan lawmakers discussed the governor's appointments of three individuals to the Commonwealth Casino Commission. Tebuteb will call a meeting of the delegation leadership next week to form an ad-hoc committee to review the credentials of the three nominees.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) suggested that an existing committee be assigned that task, and for that committee to hold public hearings on the appointees.

Reyes said the committee should do its "due diligence" review of the nominees before making recommendations to the delegation.

Some lawmakers, however, privately commented that the "due diligence" should have been done during and before the bill legalizing casino gaming on Saipan was acted on.

PRISON

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Assistant U.S. attorney Schwab expressed how impressed the U.S. government was with the progress that has occurred at corrections facilities on the islands. Sablan also shared the same comments.

Mafnas and Castro also gave comments to the court. DOJ's trial attorney Murray stated that he had nothing more to add.

In a statement yesterday, Mafnas said that DOC extends its deepest gratitude to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, and the Legislature for their support in ensuring that DOC is adequately funded to fulfill its mandate and meet constitutional standards governing the safety, security, and welfare of inmates, officers, and staff.

"Now, more than ever, the CNMI DOC needs the commitment and support of the Commonwealth as a whole to remain vigilant and safeguard the investments and improvements put in place at great cost to our people and Commonwealth while we continue to devise ways and means to meet or exceed national standards and maintain the highest level of civility, health, nutrition, safety, and security at our correctional and detention facilities," Mafnas said.

He said the wisdom of Judge Manglona to wait and allow for several months of reviews, inspections and certifications for compliance by the U.S. Attorney General's Office to ensure substantial compliance was prudent and appropriate for all parties.

Mafnas said this milestone is attributed to the dedication of former, past and present officers and staff of DOC.

"We will never be perfect but we can strive to achieve near excellent standards, performance and efficiency by ensuring that care, discipline, training, and treatment are made available to both inmates and officers," he said.

Last Jan. 27, Sablan and Murray informed the court that the Commonwealth has fulfilled its obligations under the consent decree. Sablan and Murray said the parties stipulate that the CNMI "is in compliance with the requirements of the consent decree."

Sablan and Murray agreed that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary because the U.S. government does not oppose the termination of the consent decree.

In 1978, the U.S. investigated the CNMI's adult and juvenile detention facilities. The DOJ observed, among other things, that staff members were not trained for response in a fire emergency; facilities lacked fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, and emergency generators; cells were keyed with individual locks, which greatly increased risk in the event of fire; emergency exits were not marked; many cells lacked running water; toilets would not flush; shower areas were covered in mold and mildew; and there was poor ventilation and no medical screening, increasing the risk of transmitting infectious diseases like tuberculosis.

DOJ also found that facilities were antiquated, dilapidated, and operating at or near their safe capacity; facilities had inadequate perimeter fencing, poor sight lines, and lacked an adequate maximum security housing area; and inmates and detainees roamed freely, increasing the risk of harm from inmate-on-inmate violence and putting staff at an increased risk of harm.

The U.S. government sued the CNMI on Feb. 23, 1999. Two days later, DOJ and the CNMI entered into a consent decree.

The aims of the consent decree was to improve the conditions of the CNMI's detention institutions that were deemed to violate the civil rights of those detained at the facilities, and to safeguard against future violations.

At the time, there were six facilities at issue: the Saipan Prison complex, the Saipan Detention Facility, the Kagman Youth Facility, the Saipan Immigration Detention Facility, the Tinian Detention Facility, and the Rota Detention Facility.

Today, there are only four facilities: the Adult Correctional Facility, the Juvenile Detention Unit, the Tinian Detention Facility, and the Rota Detention Facility.

The Adult Correctional Facility and the Juvenile Detention Unit are modernized facilities that were built in accordance with the consent decree. Tinian and Rota Detention Facilities are used as temporary holding facilities.

In their final report, Sablan and Murray said since the implementation of the consent decree, the parties have worked cooperatively to identify violations and address them.

The lawyers said the parties agree that the purpose of the consent decree has now been achieved and that termination of the consent decree is appropriate.

Construction of the new prison in Susupe began in 2002 with an initial cost of about $17 million that later ballooned to $20.9 million. The new prison opened in 2008.

The construction of the Juvenile Detention Unit was completed and opened for occupancy in 2004.

MBA's Park is CNMI's Geography Bee winner

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Samuel Park, an eighth grader at Marianas Baptist Academy, scored the highest in the Geography Bee written examination administered among Commonwealth students this year and was adjudged the islands' overall winner.

This year marked Park's first time to compete in the competition. He was hailed champion in the schoolwide contest after besting 20 other participants last November.

Although proud of his latest achievement, the eighth grader admitted yesterday that winning was unexpected. Park said he spent countless hours studying for the competition.

Park is the son of Mi Hyun Park and Chan Shik Park.

As the CNMI's overall 2014 Geography Bee winner, Park earned the slot to compete with Pacific region contenders including Guam and American Samoa. Unfortunately, he was not able to do so.

Since November last year, almost all elementary and junior high schools—both public and private—selected their school's representatives to the written exam competition.

For his teacher-coach Manuel Castro Jr., Park deserves to win the honor and be recognized. He described the student as diligent, hard working, and passionate about geography.

"It's a blessing to win! He worked hard for this and he has this passion to learn more about the whole world," said the coach.

MBA principal Ramir Trinidad was more than elated to hear the good news yesterday. He disclosed that Park's winning at the Geography Bee is the fourth for MBA since 1996.

However, he couldn't hide his disappointment upon being told that the champion student lost the opportunity to compete in both the regionals and nationals as a result of "miscommunication."

Saipan Tribune learned that Park was supposed to take the written examination for the regional competition last April 4, but due to what can only be described as miscommunication between parties, Park was not able to do so.

According to Trinidad, Park just lost a $50,000 scholarship opportunity that awaits the national winner.

The regional competition saw the participation of students from the Pacific islands including Guam and American Samoa. Whoever gets the highest score will fly to Washington, D.C. to represent the Pacific Region in the national competition.

Park bested 20 other finalists in the school level competition in November and topped the three rigorous rounds of the competition for fourth to eight graders.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

The CNMI's overall Geography Bee champion, Samuel Park from Marianas Baptist Academy, poses with his teacher-coach Manuel Castro Jr.

Leslie B. Camacho is named CHC's new nursing director

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. recently filled its nursing director position, appointing Leslie B. Camacho to the department's helm.

Camacho was officially named to the post on May 5. She landed the job after her tour of duty as a nurse officer at the U.S. Army base in Colorado.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Camacho expressed her excitement about returning to her home island. After being away for 13 years, she said it's about time to give back to her island people and the community, this time equipped with knowledge and experience.

Among her leadership goals at the public hospital is to ensure that patient care comes first. "I will make sure that outstanding care will be a priority," she said.

Camacho had nothing but praises for what she has initially seen and observed at the department, citing the continuous trainings that's being enforced, policies that are being updated, and other progressing works that are all aligned with the ultimate goal of providing the highest quality of care.

Camacho estimated the nursing workforce at the public hospital at about 170 right now. She said more is needed and recruitment for the vacant posts is ongoing. She also emphasized the importance of keeping those who are already with them to ensure workforce stability.

Camacho vowed to work closely with the various units of the corporation.

Camacho succeeds Leticia Reyes as nursing chief at CHC. Reyes resigned in January.

The nursing director reports directly to the hospital services director, Jesse Tudela.

It was earlier disclosed that the corporation was having difficulty in filling nursing posts due to the lack of qualified individuals on island. Specifically, CHC needs seasoned or experienced nurses.

The 170 nursing workforce at present is far from the ideal ratio for a public hospital, which used to employ 225 nurses in the past.

Because of the lack of more nurses, CHCC has been incurring increased overtime costs that averaged more than 2,000 hours and growing. The shortage of nurses was also attributed to the increasing volume of patients at the hospital.

CPUC clarifies position on legislatively enacted rates

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission has clarified its position on the enforcement of legislatively enacted rates, saying that for the reduced water and wastewater rates for public schools to be implemented by the utilities corporation, a petition must be filed by a regulated entity for the commission to review and decide on.

CPUC chair Joseph C. Guerrero disclosed this to CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher after the latter sought the commission's opinion on the enforcement of Public Law 18-19, which mandates CUC to charge PSS with the commercial rate for water and wastewater.

P.L. 18-19 was signed into law on Sept. 24, 2013, but it has yet to be implemented.

"Generally, the commission reviews rates in a rate proceeding initiated by a regulated entity. Legislative rates are not exempt from this approach. Accordingly, when the Legislature enacts a rate, the regulated entity should initiate a rate-setting proceeding with the commission," said Guerrero in his letter to CUC, adding that the regulated entity is free to support, oppose, or refrain from taking any position on the legislative rate.

Guerrero said the commission will review the rate using the same criteria employed in all rate-setting proceedings and will either approve, disapprove, or modify the legislative rate.

If a regulated entity does not ask for a rate setting proceeding to review a legislative rate, then the CPUC can possibly review the rate in the context of a customer complaint if a customer lodges such a complaint with the commission, Guerrero said.

During last week's CUC meeting, board chair David J. Sablan endorsed seeking the Office of Attorney General's opinion on the matter.

If the CPUC's opinion is found correct, CUC would then request either the Public School System or the consumer advocate of the CNMI Attorney General's Office to file the necessary petition with CPUC.

Filing petitions require paying for regulatory expenses and consultant fees and the petitioner will shoulder these costs.

PSS has been paying a significant amount for its water and wastewater consumption. In fiscal year 2012 alone, the system paid about $1.5 million just for water and wastewater use.

Prior to the enactment of P.L. 18-19, PSS was charged a government rate for its water and wastewater use. The law changed this to commercial rate, which reduced the charges for water by 98.4 percent and for wastewater by 95.6 percent.

CUC opposed to transfer of Rota water system to DPW

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A proposed bill that will transfer control and management of the Rota water system to the island's Department of Public Works is facing strong opposition from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which said the proposal will create a major change in the operation of the utility agency.

Senate Bill 18-40, currently with the Senate Public Utilities Committee, seeks to transfer water utility service on Rota to DPW in a bid to lower water rates on the island.

Water and electric services on Rota were originally under the control and management of the Rota DPW. All electric, water, and sewer utility services were later placed under the management and control of CUC.

According to the bill, the Municipality of Rota had invested a substantial amount of its capital improvement projects' funds to develop the water utility service on Rota. The bill states that returning it to the Rota DPW will provide closer attention and immediate response to complaints raised by customers.

CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher, however, is opposed to the idea. He pointed out that Rota customers—like Tinian customers—enjoy "blended" electrical and water rates. This means that because costs to the two islands are higher than what is charged Saipan customers, their rates are actually being subsidized.

"Rota enjoys that blended rate. They may pay a little bit more on the water side but definitely they have blended rate on the electric side," he said.

He revealed that there's 32.7 cents per kWh subsidy on electric rates for Rota.

Fletcher recommended that the Legislature conduct more studies before acting on the bill.

"We think the best option here is to ask the Rota delegation to petition the CUC board to do an island-pacific water rate," said Fletcher.

He maintains that management and control of the water utility service must be kept by CUC. There are also other operational and regulatory subsidies to consider before any transfer is acted on, according to him.

Bermudes to run for Saipan senator

Educator and advocate Illuminanda "Lumi" Reyes Bermudes officially announced her decision yesterday to run as an independent Saipan senatorial candidate this November.

"There is a need to instill trust in government leadership that is focused on public service—and not in politics," Bermudes said.

She spoke strongly about how everyone deserves to be afforded with opportunities to succeed. "I will be the voice of the voiceless," she promised.

Her desire to run for elected office is reflected by her passion and commitment to public service. She brings with her more than 15 years of experience. On those years, she served as former special assistant for the Office of Youth Affairs and technical assistant for the Office of the Governor's Special Assistant for Administration.

She is also the former chairperson of the CNMI Board of Parole, and has over 10 years of volunteer work for various youth organizations.

Currently, she is the program director of the Chamorro, Carolinian and Heritage Studies Program of the Public School System.

"I believe that my experience as a public servant in serving our children has cemented that commitment in making a difference," Bermudes said in a statement.

Bermudes' entry into the Saipan Senate race pits her with four other candidates. She claims, however, that her proven experience and advocacy sets her apart from her opponents.

"[A]lthough we have differences in beliefs, opinions, and ideas, what we need is for us to recognize that the best decisions are made by a consensus. And that is the missing link of what we see and experience today," Bermudes said.

Bermudes

Her re-entry into the political fray, after narrowly losing during her first run in the 2012 last general elections, is buoyed by her unchanging focus and commitment toward the government's need to invest in human capital and education.

"Human capital and development must be tied to education and training. We have a progressive public education but the support is not there. While we have statutes, initiatives and policies in place, we just do not see the balance," she said.

"I love my islands, my people and I strongly believe in what we can make of it. We have potentials that we need to take advantage," said Lumi, as she is fondly called. She is known for being work oriented and focused.

She added, "Everyone who know me or even of me, know that I am a doer. I don't wait for things to happen, I find ways to make it happen." ***(PR)***

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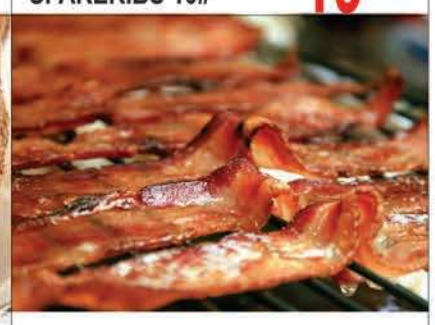

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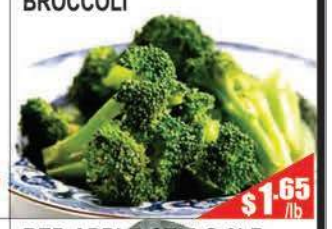

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Happy birthday to Shamme! Thank you for taking care of us everyday. We love you very much! Greetings come from your Triple "E" (Emu/Eitman/Ebtida).

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Advanced happy 2nd birthday to our little dude, Damon Gregory Palacios Pangelinan! We hope you enjoy your special day tomorrow and wish you many more to come. We love you very much! Love, Mommy, Daddy, Jadine, and family.

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Happy birthday, Grandma Rita Camacho! We love you and cherish you with all our hearts and happy that you are here with us and helping us in every step of the way. May many birthdays and wishes come your way and guide us with your warming heart. Greetings come from your children and grandchildren.

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Advanced happy birthday greetings go out to Brandon Lee Cruz Lizama, who will be celebrating his 18th birthday on May 17, 2014. Greetings come from Grandma Becky, Grandpa Zack S. Cruz, and the rest of the familia.

Calvo appeals, challenges his conviction, sentence

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Convicted child molester Patrick Mendiola Calvo is challenging his conviction and eight-year prison sentence with an appeal filed with the CNMI Supreme Court.

The Board of Parole just heard Calvo's application for parole on Wednesday; he will be informed of the board's decision by Monday.

The victim, her family, and the Office of the Attorney General strongly opposed Calvo's petition for parole. They pointed out that Calvo is not remorseful and is sorry only because he was caught.

Based on court records, the 51-year-old Calvo actually wants a new jury trial.

Court records show that Calvo, through counsel George Anthony Long, filed the appeal in the CNMI Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 2014. The government filed its response on May 2, 2014.

In Calvo's appeal, Long asserted that prosecutorial misconduct during cross-examination of his client warrants a new jury trial in count 1 sexual assault in the second degree and count 2 sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Long said that Calvo should have been acquitted on count 1 as the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that forceful coercion and/or threats of death or injury were used to gain the victim's consent.

Long said Calvo's conviction of count 3 sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree and count 4 disturbing the peace should be vacated and the case remanded for a jury trial as the bench trial on those charges was a violation of his client's Sixth Amendment rights.

The lawyer added that resentencing is necessary as parts of the sentencing order are illegal or contrary to Commonwealth law and the sentence imposed constitutes an abuse of discretion.

In the government's response, assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan said the high court should affirm the judgment on all counts, and remand for resentencing for the limited purpose of imposing the seven-year probation term as part of a suspended period of incarceration or fine.

Sablan said the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying Calvo's motion for a mistrial.

Sablan said it was proper for the prosecutor to ask the victim and a witness "were they lying" questions as part of cross-examination.

Sablan said even if the "were they lying" questions are deemed improper, it was harmless error.

Sablan said the trial court's denial of a jury trial for counts 3 and 4 does not warrant a new trial on those counts.

"The bench trial was proper and consistent with the statute governing jury trial rights, and did not infringe on any of Calvo's constitutional rights," she said.

Sablan also argued that the evidence was sufficient for the jury to find a reasonable doubt that the victim did not consent to sexual contact with Calvo.

She said a reasonable jury could have found that Calvo used physical force, an implied threat, or constructive force to coerce the victim to engage in sexual contact.

The government lawyer said Calvo's term of imprisonment of eight years and term of probation of seven years did not exceed the statutory maximums.

Sablan said Calvo did not receive multiple punishments for the same offense; he received multiple punishments for separate offenses.

In September 2009, a Superior Court jury found Calvo guilty of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in 2008. On May 27, 2010, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced the then-47-year-old Calvo to eight years in prison for sexual assault in the second degree, eight years for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, five years for sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, and six months for disturbing the peace.

This means that the businessman should serve a total of eight years in prison for all charges.

Naraja required the defendant, to perform, among other things, 1,500 hours of community service, register as a sex offender, submit to HIV testing, and seek clinical psychiatric evaluation treatment.

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On Nigeria, awareness is only a first step

The tragic plight of the missing girls of Chibok, Nigeria, has triggered heartbreak and hand-wringing around the world. And it has opened vexing examinations of a nation in chaos and an international community unsure of how best to respond.

The fact that the girls' kidnappers—the fanatic, anti-Western Islamists known as Boko Haram—have been terrorizing their nation's impoverished northeastern region for years has prompted appropriate questions about the abilities and priorities of the Nigerian government. Boys have been slaughtered. Many schools and villages have burned. Boko Haram has led a vicious campaign to douse the spirit of Christians and Muslims alike, and to expunge the idea that enlightened education leads to better lives for all.

Prominent people are speaking out and challenging others to raise awareness and concern. The U.S. and other nations are supplying advisers to help gather intelligence and to aid a rescue of the kidnapped teenagers, saving them, it is hoped, from the marriage enslavement market and other crimes against humanity that Boko Haram commits.

Still, it's abundantly clear that there are limits to what Americans and other outsiders can do. Boko Haram issued signals this week that it is willing to negotiate, perhaps trading the captive girls for imprisoned brothers in arms. The Nigerian government rejected that deal. Proceedings from here will be delicate and unpredictable.

The Chibok kidnapping crisis is indeed horrendous and awakening. It comes at a time of increasing violence in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Central African Republic and South Sudan. The global specter of civil wars and unceasing conflict seems permanent.

Yet, the Nigeria story seems especially alarming on a human scale. All those girls, taking a test at their high school when they were abducted, represent an incalculable future.

To understand the potential of young women like them—girls who aspire to freedom and betterment amid rigid, medieval settings—one need look no further than Kansas City. The Star's Joe Robertson on Sunday reported the inspiring story of Cynthia Odu, who left Nigeria as an infant with her parents, and now, at 18, having graduated from Kansas City's Lincoln Academy, is bound for college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

These two stories, one of horror and another of triumph, remind us that certain values, like universal education, are worth fighting for.

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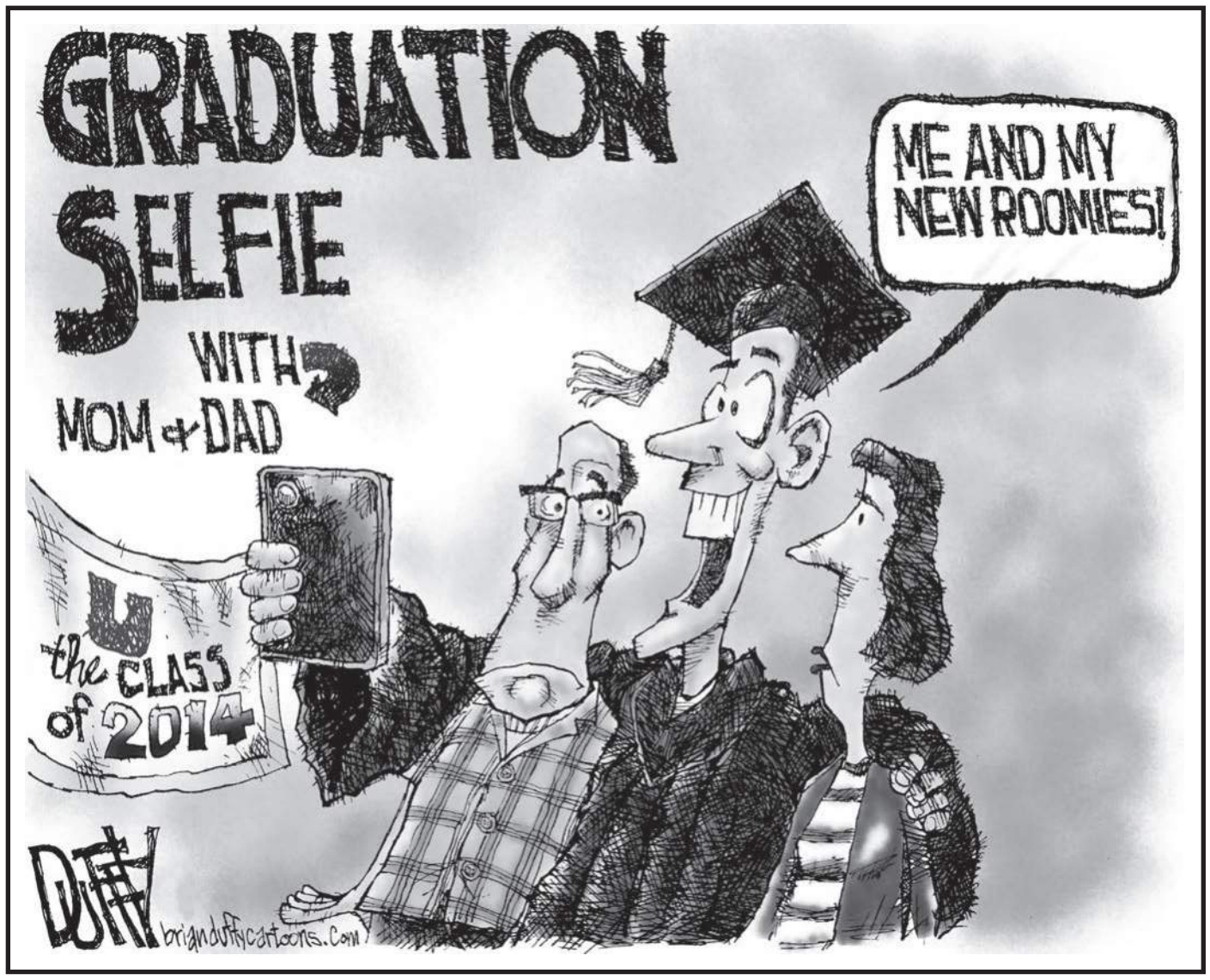

Peace Officers' Day

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I am hardly the person to chronicle the virtues of peace officers, our police at the local, state, and federal levels, for in my experience they are only as good as the political administration they represent. In most cases, by my experience, they out-thug the thugs they are supposed to neutralize, save Peace Corps volunteers who I regarded as Uncle Sam's really peace officers. They did not even carry billy clubs, let alone nitro exploders!

I remember two police officers in an outlying rural Davao City barangay in Mindanao in the Philippines. They were residents in a community that was one of four villages near the Langub comprehensive human development project I helped initiate two years earlier. With the trained leadership of the demonstration village, we oriented a set of four new ones from four outlying communities so we can do a simultaneous launching of four new replication projects. The process began with a community-wide consultation that brought outsider's enabling methods and access to resources to merge with the villages' vision and passion.

In the four-week launching, two resident police officers ran a gambling operation 48-hour straight on the weekends, siphoning the energy of the youth, negating our image of hope with the illusion of wealth by chance, but we tolerated them since we were a non-government effort and they were not within the scope of our influence. On the third weekend, a disciplined squad of New People's Army rebels showed up in the village and popped the two police officers' heads in front of their families.

I was not a fan of the NPA's methods, but the youthful squad and their chaste intent in simply eliminating the police officers so that the community consultation can proceed without spreading fear to residents and visitors (well, not quite; a young 24-year-old volunteer from the U.S. Midwest came unglued that he walked non-stop to the Insular Hotel and stayed ensconced in his own universe until he shipped out on the next PAL flight out) was silently, though grudgingly, acknowledged. Of course, we also had the added responsibility of then dealing with two new grieving families, but we were never under the illusion about the ambiguity of our enterprise.

While living in Saskatchewan, crossing into Manitoba for Winnipeg, on a barren lonely highway, I was not cognizant of my speed until I saw a state trooper car's top lights swirling behind me. When he came to my car window, as I was ready to present my driver's license and car registration, he said: "Good morning, sir. Welcome to our friendly province. Do you have to be someplace in a hurry?"

I smiled. He continued: "If you are, I can provide you an escort, but if not, please keep to the speed limit." By my estimate, I was 20-km above the speed limit, but the encounter taught me never to speed up in Manitoba again, even without a soul in the flat barren highway of the Canadian prairie, with or without the Royal Canadian Mounted Police watching.

This week, the picture of a parent being escorted by a police officer out of a BoE meeting in Vermont because he had exceeded his two-minute allotted speaking time after he objected to his daughter's required class reading brought us back to the seamier side of our dealing with police officers.

One that I related in this column was a squad of provincial constabularies with their M-16s cocked and ready when they snuck into my training center in Mactan Island on the suspicion that I was hoarding NPA members in the facility. That was one instance I almost wet my pants.

In 1969, I went through the Seattle airport and was detained because my documents showed I was married to a U.S. citizen but was traveling on a student visa, with a long unruly hair. In 1977, I crossed from Canada to the U.S. in North Dakota on a Honda compact when I was asked if I married my wife so I could remain in the United States, directly in the presence of my wife and two kids. I answered, "Yes," end of conversation. I was accused in Honolulu of bringing in "an unidentified person" into the country when my family of four had two U.S., one Canada (unidentified 2-year-old), and one Philippine passports, never mind that the two kids were headed to my parents residing in the big island.

My experience with Saipan's then-Public Safety Commissioner Charles Ingram led me to check the prospect of serving as a chaplain to the Police Department. A brother serving as chaplain to the FBI in Hawaii, and Honolulu's Blue, with another brother serving as a social worker for the Parole Board, made me consider the option of wearing a stripe with the local peace officers. It did not materialize, but I had many occasions to be across the table from officers who dealt with CWs susceptible to the notion that they had to pay their way out of any regulation they might have violated.

It was Peace Officers' Day yesterday, started as a memorial to those who died while doing their duty. I include on this day the Peace Officers (conservation staff in the CNMI are considered police officers) who *live their lives* in the performance of their duties. Hello, officers!

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The divide that binds

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Last week I noted a "language gap" between the U.S. and Asia, given that only about one out of 288 of American public school students was enrolled in an Asian language course. In percentage terms this is about three-tenths of 1 percent of the students, or 0.3%. In scientific terms this is called teeny-tiny.

Since this data was for the K-12 realm, it's a look down the road to the work force of tomorrow, and to the management ranks two and three decades from now.

I took a look at the Asian language slice of the equation, but the overall picture is just as instructive, and I noted that only 18.5 percent of these students studied any foreign language at all. I'm not being critical about it: I don't care what anyone else studies, it's none of my business.

But the bigger point from an economics perspective is that the American public's enthusiasm for doing hands-on international trade, trans-Pacific trade included, probably has some limits.

I'm going to speculate here and note that the post K-12 realm is not going to offer any magic changes in the equation. The K-12 realm is, after all, the input, and anything that comes after that is still a function of it. Well, that's how my simple mind sees it: Life, to me, is just one big Input-Output matrix, plus cheeseburgers.

In other words, the factors that have made the K-12 figure so low are going to be rooted in the same factors that will put limits on post K-12 enrollment; the two realms are drawing from the same population, and therefore subject to the same broad factors. No quick "fix" is going to close the language gap. It's baked in the cake.

Which leads us to the juicy part of things, the point where we can contemplate that where there's a gap, there's an opportunity. Right?

Well, maybe.

From what I've seen, unless it's combined with other attributes, such as technical credentials or business skills, mere language itself doesn't open many high-paying doors. Sure, a few high fliers can become translators or interpreters, or other talents might write successful books on language or do other impressive things, but that's not on the menu for most of us.

People often discuss whether big corporations are going to reward, or not reward, foreign language skills when hiring or promoting. Recruiters are the experts in this realm, so they're the ones to listen to. Don't ask me, I couldn't even fathom a guess.

Of course, Saipan has the tourism industry right under its nose, which offers both incentive and opportunity to get some language practice rolling.

Outside of Saipan, of the peers I've known who took up languages after they had been in management ranks, it was more a matter of trying to make life a little easier than a matter of advancing their careers in some direct, rat-pushes-lever-gets-rewarded-with-a-food-pellet sort of way.

Indeed, at some point, if your work drags you through enough foreign places you wind up wanting to communicate better. I think there's a random element to this gig, where the language you decide to study is more often a matter of chance than of calculation. One fateful day, entirely by chance, some invisible window in the psyche opens up and says, "Let's get a book on the local language; it can't hurt just to take a look."

No, it can't hurt. But it sure can take a lot of time. For me, studying Mandarin Chinese grew into being quite the little hobby. I don't have any clear notions of doing anything useful with it, but, instead, I just have a vague sense that I'm better off with it than without it. Also, I have been a total goof-off lately, so I enjoy studying while ignoring the pressing concerns of practical life. I'm not a scholar; I'm a beach bum.

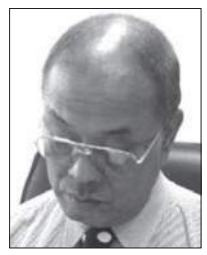
Anyway, stepping back to the broader picture, yes, I see a language gap, but no, I don't see any clear way to charge into it and reap an automatic windfall. Just because there's a divide doesn't mean building a bridge over it will be profitable.

So, on this note, I think most people will simply do what they want to do. They will follow their interests and their instincts. This strikes me as the most sensible approach of all.

Leadership, anybody?

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



It is said that for every year of failure in public office you send the livelihood of your people three years back. Quietly, I paced the 36 years of constitutional government if only to see whether leadership has moved the needle of growth and prosperity forward.

Had leadership succeeded, the CNMI won't be having mind-numbing bouts with budgetary shortfall or persistent fiscal crisis today. In fact, the CNMI is broke! Is this failure cause for celebration as the old warriors twist in the wind or somersaulting in the carnival ground of failure? Or must we not take critical ocular review to steer clear repeating royal failure?

There were the boom years of the mid-'80s and '90s that disappeared into the ash heap of history when the feds imposed immigration takeover. It has "Plan A" but neglected that there's supposed to be a "Plan B," a transition period to minimize the economic impact of a hasty policy decision. The result is pure annihilation that sent the local economy into a tailspin. It has since been unable to turn the corner on bankruptcy. Then there's the threat of ending CW workers.

Taken together, I fail to see signature accomplishments that factually fostered an even playing field of economic prosperity. On a scale of one to 10, the performance rating never moved past one. It fizzles and crawls into humiliation land. Why was this the case? Did they know any better about the concept of "wealth and jobs creation" and the accompanying responsibility to ensure solvency? Whatever happened to mathematical or accounting wizardry?

Choosing from damaged goods

In the calm of the night you could hear the eerie, creepy, hissy sound of bankruptcy crawling nearby. The deepening fiscal crisis is stubbornly persistent. The guys and gals found casino as the savior.

Not only is it questionable, given its obvious shortsightedness it's likely to become a larger pile of financial mess from the outset. As though this isn't enough, leadership rolled out the red carpet to welcome new partners who we know nothing about, including their backgrounds. Aren't we digging a wider and deeper hole? Gee! Whatever happened to placing a premium on reasoned analysis?

Here we are literally struggling to wiggle out of the vicious cycle of persistent bankruptcy. This as we listen intently to new spouts from gubernatorial tandems re-echoing exhausted assertions for brighter break of dawn. Did they forget we have brains too?

Occasionally, I'd defer listening to marshland reed social scientists in search of fodder for comedy. It's fun their shallow takes on issues spouted without credentials. Combine it with the lethargic bunch on the hill and you begin to see why the CNMI has "advanced to the rear."

Fortuitously, I started navigating the minds of gubernatorial tandems. Appalling the belief that they're ready to repeat failure once more as though we've forgotten their sterling failure of recent past. Appalling the lame warriors are out walking the campaign trail once more prep with more lies. It seems we've heard that song before, right?

They slip in and out of holes braved only by slimy fresh water eels. Or have they upgraded their skills to fruit bats, you know, cover their faces pretending there's nothing out there, including predators? Interesting!

Height of betrayal

It's the height of betrayal of the highest order! Does your failure require refinement? Don't you think the people you've betrayed and victimized know you like the back of their hands?

Have you anything to say about costly power, health insurance, basic goods, and work hour reduction in private industries, while biting our fingers staring at serious family obligations? Did you improve the salaries of the 52 percent underemployed folks?

Were you a part of the scam to permanently ruin the Retirement Fund? If you wish to deny it, didn't you leave office failing to remit some $48 million in employer's contribution?

If all of your government career you've done nothing to salvage the Fund, why did you unilaterally cut 25 percent of pension pay that doubled up hardship for retirees when the 40 percent increase in health premiums kicked in? What did you do to ease the 20-percent jump in the cost of living and did you intervene with salary raises for the 52 percent of employees who are under-employed?

And so another grand politico—a switcheroo boasting lack of credibility moving freely from Democrat to Republican—jumped into the fray for the "want of power" at all cost. Oooops! How about explaining a signature accomplishment as a Democratic legislator? With a foundation swinging loosely at the base, is there a chance attaining your last will and lame political testament? Or should we just dust you off like passing cotton ball?

Yes, I enjoy moments of golden silence but remain critically keen on issues. Should be able to put into context any and all assertions of failure and lame success as the campaign season heats up.

Seeking legislative seat

Of course, incumbent legislators are out in full force lamely seeking re-election. Nice try! At least you've disrupted traffic in intersections that sent a lot of folks fuming as they step on their gas pedals. How many of them would vote for you? One, two, three, none?

Remember the story of the snail that leaves a trail behind you could literally follow him? What's most noticeable in his trail? Isn't it the shiny slime as he inched his way forward? It's something that is visible, true?

In like fashion, what trail or signature accomplishment did you leave behind that has factually improved the livelihood of villagers? Casino? Or unintended predatory policies derailing fresh and lasting investments? Have you any conception what "wealth and jobs creation" entails?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good luck and get out

Dear people of the CNMI: I have read the text of Ms. Lazaro's speech, the so-named champion of the 30th Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition on Friday on Tinian. I am disturbed by her proselytizing tone that the CNMI people and in most cases the U.S. federal government, through their laws, have been inhumane in most of the laws they have enacted regarding immigration in the mainland and in the Commonwealth (see *Saipan Tribune*, page 11, Tuesday May 6, 2014, "Nothing human is alien to me")

Her simplistic views that our local/U.S. law as they apply to CW workers in the CNMI is flawed and do not treat aliens (outsiders) as humans are unjustified. It is through some parts of the U.S. immigration law the afforded her her status as an American citizen, although her parents were only invited here for work, with a contract for certain periods, with no promise of enhanced favorable pathways to U.S. citizenship. Her parents were paid airfare, housing, decent wages and other benefits for their work services through local and U.S. laws. These foreign workers (CW) were allowed to continue their stay in the CNMI anywhere from five to 20 years or longer, while they continue to have babies who are automatic U.S. citizens (Ms. Lazaro included).

Even with all these perks and benefits, alien CW workers, with the assistance of Delegate Kilili who continually advocate for an enhanced pathway to circumvent immigration laws, continue to ask our local leaders for CW extension for five years and the granting of special privileges (CNMI only) of immediate enhanced rights to stay and continue working toward attaining U.S. citizenship. To Ms. Lazaro, this in not humane. Even for their benefit, current immigration laws should not be amended to provide for their wellbeing and to enhance their final goal of citizenship.

She asserted that the U.S. immigration system is so broken that former mayor Bloomberg of New York has criticized it as national suicide. My rebuttal to her and Bloomberg is to remind her that our congressional leaders have constantly reminded us that they are not ready to introduce legislation to address changes to immigration laws unless and until border protection is strictly enforced to curtail continued illegal crossings from Mexico and elsewhere.

I am certain the Ms. Lazaro has done her research, but I will not leave my island's (this is not her island, as she opined) future and political and traditional values to a non-NMD alien Filipina's idea of what is wrong or right or human. Good luck to her and her parents but be prepared to leave and go back to your real island, the Philippines.

Brothers and sisters, Chamorros, Carolinians and fellow CNMI citizens, let us stand up and be prepared to defend of island traditions, culture, and values and a future of our own making. I know we can make it as in the past, in the present and even in the future.

JD Camacho
via snail mail

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 5 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲89° ▼76°	▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼81
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼58
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼76
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼73
London	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼51
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲95	▼81
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼56
Miami	Showers	▲82	▼70
New York	Rain	▲67	▼59
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼56
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼50
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼57
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼52
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼53
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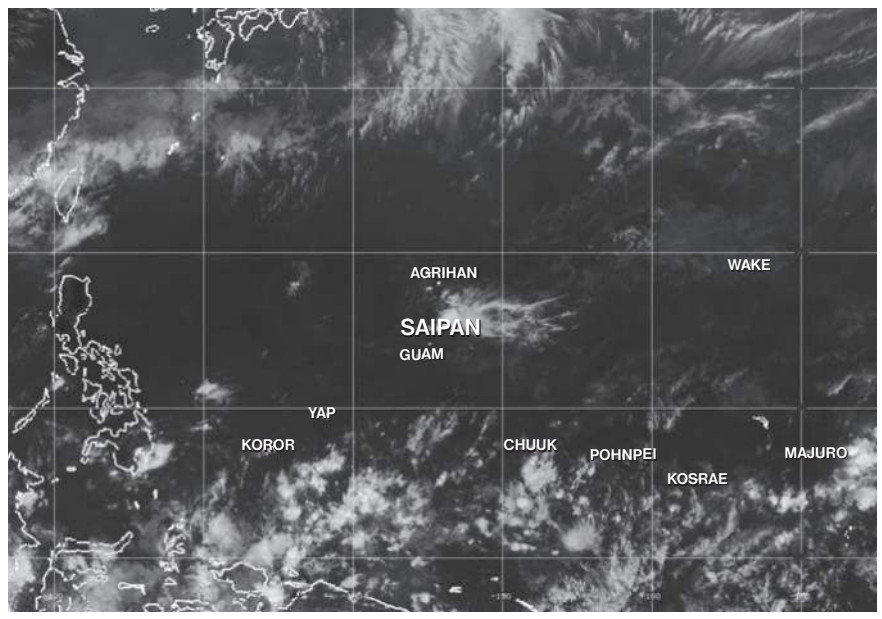
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼59
Washington, DC	Rain	▲68	▼52

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line undulates southwestward from northeast of 25N180 across Wake Island near 19N167E to end near Saipan at 15N145E. Patchy clouds and scattered showers are found along and up to 300 miles northwest of this boundary. There is an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just northeast of Saipan within 90 miles of 16N147E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Koror Palau to south of Chuuk between the equator and 6N from 135E to 156E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers over the Marshall Islands within 90 miles of a line from 4N166E to 4N173E to 9N176E. This is south of Kwajalein and both south and east of Majuro.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
8:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.5 Feet
10:51 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:07 PM	6:53 AM
Saturday	9:06 PM	7:51 AM
Sunday	10:03 PM	8:51 AM
Monday	10:57 PM	9:51 AM
Tuesday	11:48 PM	10:51 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
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UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hey, casino guys

So in one day we go from a $2 billion investment to a $200 million investment. Wow! What a difference a day makes. Get smart, commissioners! You want a casino, offer one to any existing hotel with over 300 rooms that is already operating and paying taxes. We don't need $400,000 consultants to tell us the Sunshine deal is just a scam. They will take one year to build the casino, three more years to finish the 401 rooms and then sit for a couple years seeing if their investment is paying or not. If the casino is making a profit, they will use it to build another 100 or 200 rooms at a time. These people are a lot smarter than you are and do this for a living.

Anyone with $2 billion can do it all at once. Look at the Sands in Singapore. Boom, $5.5 billion all at once, and it included worldwide promotion and guaranteeing a big enough customer base to attract all the major retailers in the world. This nickel dime stuff only impresses small islands like us. Has any of you been to any small island anywhere that has a $2 billion hotel/casino? This picture is the Atlantis Hotel in the Bahamas, built in 1998 for $800 million, which would probably be $1.5 billion today. Okay, Sunshine, let's see a picture of *your* $2 billion project.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The end is near

Many are upbeat and relieved with the proposed extension up to 240 days of continued work authorization for CW-1 nonimmigrant workers beyond the expiration date noted on their Form I-94, as proposed by DHS. This is an affirmative proposal for both employers and employee. Employers have an expanded time in filing renewals while employees can prolong their length of stay in lawful status due to the extended days of waiting for CW1 renewal releases.

The proposed 240-day extension is good but it only serves as a "band aid" solution or a "pain reliever." Even if the U.S. Department of Labor extends the CW program for five more years, no permanent status awaits foreign workers at the end of the extension period. I felt relieved by the proposed 240-day extension but the fact is, zeroing CW1 workers is still in effect come 2014, or if extended up to 2019, the same still holds true—temporary relief is being offered to satisfy the needs of the islands' investors. The immediate passage of S. 744 is the right thing to do as a permanent solution to this chaotic immigration issue affecting foreign workers in the CNMI.

Some say the USCIS and some employers (not all) connived to reduce the number of foreign workers by way of non-compliance that resulted in denials. Thus, if renewal is denied, foreign workers are the one that are severely affected and will be forced for voluntarily exit to avoid accumulating unlawful status.

The DHS proposal is a very timely because foreign workers on the island are now looking for other countries in need of skilled and professional workers. The U.S. Department of Labor must also act now on the current status of foreign workers in the CNMI if indeed the United States wanted to maintain world-class highly skilled workers by removing obstacles to their remaining in the United States before it's too late because of being unlawful aliens.

On Nov. 28, 2011, upon implementation of CW1 final regulation, the status of foreign workers was already diagnosed as "carcinogenic." Since then, relief had been done via S-744, but until now there are no signs of approval. Days, months, and years have passed and the CW problem has become "chronic." Instead of offering a permanent solution like a pathway to citizenship, a band aid and/or pain reliever approach by the proposed extension for 240 days is being offered, like a "raft made of cork," a floater to avoid sinking.

Under the CNMI Department of Labor rules, nonresident workers were directly subjected to train resident workers. I would not be here for more than 16 years if compliance with this agreement had been enforced. This agreement ceased to take effect last November 2011, the effective date of transitional workers program. Almost three years now from the effective date of CW1 transitional workers program, the same training arrangement was instituted, but this time by means of $150 financial training allocation sourced out from each foreign worker's processing of CW1 permit. Two years of continued hands-on training is more than enough to eliminate at least 50 percent of nonresident workers, but why does a huge number still exists? Might as well give us foreign workers permanent immigration status rather than to do more harm, promises, and wishes that are far from fulfilment.

This is an initiative calling for all foreign worker parents of U.S. citizen children to start educating their kids to learn their parents' skills, especially those that are turning 18. There is no available local workforce, according to our CNMI local leaders; therefore, foreign worker parents should start teaching their children their own skills for possible replacement come December 2014. Hands-on training are all what we need to do to prepare these kids to be included in the local workforce if indeed the end is near for all foreign workers' lawful status. Four thousand kids, if given additional skills aside from their high school diploma, after turning 18 will eventually replace 50 percent of foreign workers after the transition period ends. At least these kids are U.S. citizens, have no fear of being unlawful citizen even though obviously ethnic disparity still exists. Whether extension is approved or not, the same is true—no permanent residency is being offered. Might as well prepare these kids before leaving them behind on the island. Not all kids want to go home with their parents.

Carlito J. Marquez
Lower Base, Saipan

The choice of casino or MJ

Some may see it as lunacy to consider the legalization of pot but at the same time most of America, including 25 states, the President, and members of Congress see it as moving forward. What is lunacy is to continue arresting teens and trying to eradicate and stop the use of something that grows freely in almost every region of the world.

Those making fun of casino and pot need to know *it is not* funny as both of these matters have the potential to influence the future of the CNMI's economic outcomes. Predicting that everyone who smokes pot will eventually move to real drugs is also lunacy. People are educated about pot and drugs now and the curiosity or novelty factor for experimentation has dissipated almost completely so get educated on the phenomenon before you start creating horror stories.

The real lunacy is bringing in casinos, which we don't have, into a society that already has a large marijuana footprint. We know the CNMI can make hundreds of millions from pot sales with virtually nothing changing in the villages and we know the casino is going to be even more detrimental to society and still won't come close to bringing in the money that pot sales will generate. It's an easy, common sense choice to pick MJ over casinos but our leaders won't even give us a choice or a chance to pick!

As for the claims of pot being against federal law, FYI there have been many federal laws stricken down because they were not fair or right, so to think that the marijuana law is right just because it's the law is the same as saying segregation was right because it was the law! So who is really being ludicrous here?

Readers and contributors really need to get educated on the economic initiative before trying to bash it in the news because I keep saying the CNMI's marijuana initiative makes it a government operation and the CNMI will receive 93 percent more of the sales revenues than Colorado which only collects a little over 7 percent in taxes. We can save more lives by fighting the use of alcohol and tobacco than fighting against legalization of pot which makes it ludicrous to fight legalizing pot when there are clearly more dangerous and legal things that are out there killing people.

The people of the CNMI joined the American family because they wanted a high quality of life like other Americans. Well, most of America is now moving to reform their marijuana laws to end the ridiculous pot war and to generate revenues that will surely improve the quality of life for the people.

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Senator raises concerns about CUC water electric charge

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REPORTER

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) has raised concerns about the formula for calculating the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water electric charge, including the total cost of electricity in running the water system and computation accuracy.

Manglona

"Also, who are actually paying for this WEC [water electric charge]? Although CUC claims that 98.5 percent of its customers are metered, this number is questionable as many metered customers today have water meters that are defective and their billings are actually only being 'estimated' month after month. So is everyone actually paying their fair share?" Manglona asked in a May 12 letter to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

The senator has yet to receive a response from CUC.

Manglona, a former Senate president, said the water electric charge was first imposed on CUC consumers in 2012 "and remains a very contentious water billing issue today."

This is in addition to CUC consumer's water service fee and water usage fee, "and in most instances is more than 100 percent of the consumer's regular monthly water billing," Manglona added.

The Rota senator said CUC's decision in July 2013 to petition the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to ease the burden of low-income ratepayers—eliminating the charge for the first 300 gallons of residential water service—"was a good start."

But he said CUC's Nov. 8, 2013 decision to withdraw the water electric charge policy rate modification petition "will only perpetuate this heavy burden on residential customers, especially the low-income customers."

Manglona noted it has been almost a year since CUC informed CPUC on July 5 that the corporation's master plan has been completed and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to be able to modify the water electric charge rate policy.

"Please inform us as to what is the next step for CUC in moving forward with this WEC billing issue. As you mentioned, another option is to coordinate testimony with the consultants. This might be a necessary plan in order not to further delay discussion on this very important issue," Manglona added.

The CUC board of directors recently approved the transfer of the water electric charge from the water division to the electric division to avoid confusion among customers.

COTA to mark Obama's proclamation on transportation

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority is urging the community to join the rest of the United States in celebrating National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week in May.

President Barack Obama declared May 16 as National Defense Transportation Day and May 11-17 as National Transportation Week.

Obama said the proclamations "underscore the importance of infrastructure to our economy, security, and way of life. This is in recognition of the importance of our nation's transportation infrastructure, and of the men and women who build, maintain, and utilize it."

Obama in January this year launched a competition for $600 million in transportation grants. Called the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, grant program, these are national grants that will provide funding for transportation via air, train, buses, boats, and etc. and infrastructure as well for transportation measures.

"Cities and states can win this funding by creating plans that both modernize transportation infrastructure and stimulate the economy," Obama said.

COTA executive administrator Thomas Camacho said his office submitted its TIGER grant application in April.

Camacho said that COTA has no plans of doing a proclamation for the CNMI this year but will celebrate this week as Transportation Week.

"We will gather our public transporters and hopefully celebrate the President's proclamation to recognize the CNMI's public transportation and the people who utilize it," Camacho said.

"But next year we will coordinate and do a proclamation by working with the Governor's Office for our local community and education outreach or other possible activities. Hopefully by next year this will be in line with our transit system," he said.

Life Jacket World Record Day tomorrow

On Saturday, May 17, participants around the globe will gather to set a world record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated on the fifth annual Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day. The goal is not only to promote the comfortable and versatile options when it comes to life jackets, but also to educate the public about safe boating.

On Saipan, this event will take place tomorrow at the Civic Center in Susupe by the FilCom Pavilion, from 10am to 3pm. It will be hosted by the Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Section and the local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2-29.

The event is free to the public and will feature static displays of big boats, jet skis, life jackets, and fire and rescue trucks. There will also be vendor booths for marine products, giveaways and lots of other free stuff.

The National Safe Boating Council and Canadian Safe Boating Council have again partnered to support this one-day event. Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day will usher in National Safe Boating Week (May 17-23, 2014). Both events are part of the yearlong Wear It! campaign to promote boating safety and voluntary wear of life jackets.

Drowning remains the primary cause of death in recreational boating accidents. Statistics released by the U.S. Coast Guard indicate that 85 percent of boaters who drowned in 2012 were not wearing their life jackets. ***(PR)***

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Seatbelt, child seat checkpoints next week

The Department of Public Safety will conduct occupant protection/child passenger courtesy checkpoints on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

On May 20, Tuesday, the first setup will be on Beach Road, Garapan, across from Bank Pacific, on the southbound lane, from 9am to 10:15am.

The second setup will be on Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Lito, in front of JTB Building, on the eastbound lane, from 3pm to 4:15pm.

The third setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai, in front of Han's Tire Shop, on the northbound lane, from 6pm to 7:15pm.

On May 24, Wednesday, the first setup will be on Beach Road, Susupe, in front of Minatchom Atdao, on the southbound lane, from 8am to 9:15am.

The second setup will be on Beach Road, Chalan Laulau, across the Saipan Mayor's Office, on the southbound lane, from 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

The third setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico, across the Twins Supermarket, on the southbound lane, from 6pm to 7:15pm.

For more information, contact Sgt. Anthony Macaranas at 483-5818. ***(DPS)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Infant and Child CPR class on Tuesday

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health and Safety training on infant and child CPR/AED on Tuesday, May 20, at 6pm. Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

Teams sought for Memorial Day softball tourney

The Fallen Heroes Memorial Group have scheduled a goodwill Memorial Day weekend softball tournament from May 23 through May 25 at the Capital Hill softball field. Registration is open to softball players who would like to form a team. The team entrance fee for the three-day tournament is $150 and is due today, May 16. Proceeds from this event will go toward supporting the Memorial Day ceremony scheduled on May 26 at the Veteran's Cemetery, Marpi.

A coach's meeting is scheduled for today, May 16, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium's conference room at 6:30pm. Prospecting teams are encouraged to send a representative to the meeting to discuss tournament rules. Mandatory forms will be handed out as well. For more information, the public can call 285-4VET (4838). ***(PR)***

Election Commission office in Susupe open Saturdays

The Commonwealth Election Commission Office in Susupe will be open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm for those CNMI residents who would like to register to vote for the 2014 General Election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014. Registration for the Northern Marianas Descent Registry will also be accepted.

CNMI residents who wish to register to vote must provide a copy of a valid U.S. passport or a certificate of live birth as proof of U.S. citizenship. Those who wish to register for the Northern Marianas Descent Registry must provide a copy of their certificate of live birth. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Election Commission office at 664-VOTE (8683). ***(PR)***

PSS Early Intervention Program on Tinian

The Public School System's Early Intervention Program, in collaboration with the Division of Public Health Services, invites the public to attend an evening presentation on Child Development on May 19 at JC Café's conference room from 5pm to 6:30pm. Space is limited. Call us for reservations.

A team of professionals will also provide free developmental screenings and hearing screening at the Tinian Health Center on May 20, from 8:30am to 3pm. For an appointment, call Tessa Diaz at 433-9233 or feel free to walk in.

For more information, call Children's Developmental Assistance Center at 664-4841. ***(PR)***

Chamorro dance on Your Humanities Half-Hour on Sun.

Frances Sablan will be the featured guest on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program.

Sablan, a retired educator and chairperson of the Commonwealth Election Commission, is a strong advocate of the preservation of Chamorro culture.

Sablan will be speaking on Chamorro dance. She will talk about the various dance organizations she has helped organize and support and the Chamorro values shared through indigenous dance. She also speaks about the renaissance of Chamorro dance and her own historic research and inspirations on the topic.

Your Humanities Half-Hour, hosted by Catherine R. Perry, airs each Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99 (97.9FM).

It features interviews with scholars, researchers, teachers, and community leaders on a wide range of humanities topics. Be sure to tune in! ***(PR)***

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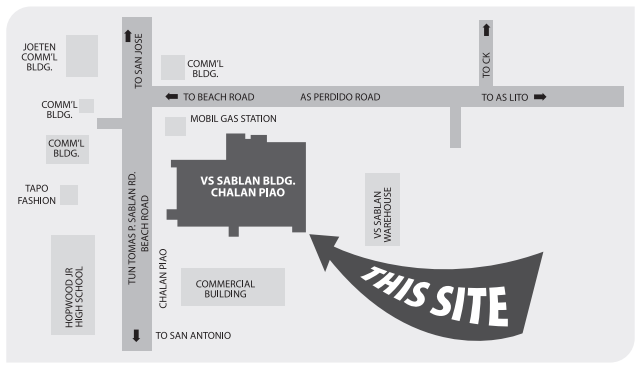

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DYS undergoing case management classes

DYS staff along with DCCA's secretary Laura Ogumoro (front row, second from left), and NMC case management instructor Christopher Jones (far right) pose for a group photo during the first day of the course.
JAYSON CAMACHO

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services is going through what is described as an "intensive course" for two days, studying case management and human services protocol.

The course, which is being held at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club, started yesterday, May 15, and ends today, May 16. Christopher Jones, Northern Marianas College psychology, human development, and case management instructor, is teaching the course.

About 26 staff is undergoing training.

Jones said the course is part of DYS' yearly training to improve staff skills and make them better at their jobs.

"I am teaching how to assist and facilitate clients having varying behavioral needs, and taking them from start to finish and be more congruent," he said.

Jones said it is an intensive course because it is a full class for "only two days."

Among the topics taken up on the first day are ethics, "what is case management?", attitudes and boundaries, problem clarification, difficult issues, disarming anger, and client communication.

DYS will undergo case question intake, suicide issues, combining skills, initial intake interviews, social history, assessment, and mental status exams today.

DCCA Secretary Laura Ogumoro said they get similar trainings in case management as one of DYS's training sessions for their staff.

"Training staff consistently is important and is part of the state plan," she said. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

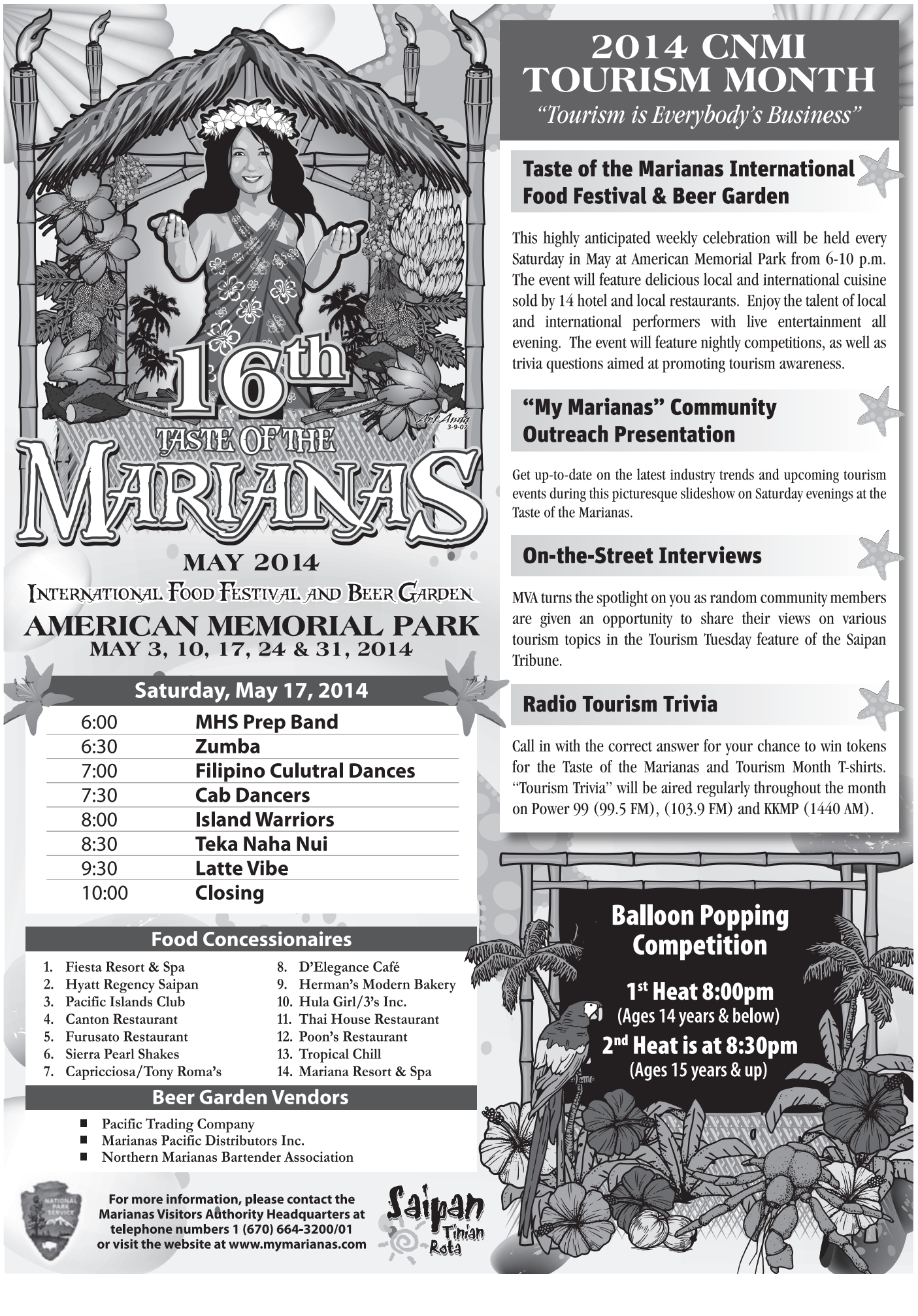
No tsunami threat from quake off Micronesia

A strong earthquake in the South Pacific did not generate a Pacific-wide tsunami, officials in Hawaii said Wednesday.

The quake, with an estimated magnitude of 6.1, was centered about 61 miles south southeast of Ifalik in the Federated States of Micronesia and about 481 miles south of Hagatna, Guam, at a depth of about 6 miles. It struck at about 10:56am in Hawaii, or 8:56pm in Micronesia.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach said the quake did not pose a tsunami threat to Hawaii. However, an earthquake of this size could have generated a local tsunami that can be destructive along nearby coasts.

There have been no initial reports of any waves generated or damage or injuries. ***(Star-Advertiser)***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Public Notice – Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., and to continue, if necessary, to May 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
   - A. Call to Order
   - B. Roll Call
   - C. Public Comments

II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

III. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
   - April 23, 2014 minutes

IV. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**
   - A. Departments & Divisions Performance Plans for FY 2014
   - B. EHR FY 2014 & FY 2015 Project Plan & Budget
   - C. Line Item Justifications for FY2014 Budget Revision Relating to CMS Compliance
   - D. FY 2015 Budget Narratives – Key Results Areas & Key Performance Indicators
   - E. Collection Reports (Actual Monthly Collection) FY 2013 and FY 2014
   - F. CFO, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR & DON Recruitment Update
   - G. MPLT Drawdown Update
   - H. Personnel Policy
     - Defined Scope of Work (practice) for each employment position
     - Policy for Salaried and Hourly Employees: Definition and expected work requirements for each.
     - Policy for On-Call Work: Defined requirements for on-call personnel (Tinian/Rota)
     - Policy on Leave (Sick/Vacation); Approving authority for leave; official managing leave schedule.
   - I. Policy on benefits
     - Details of housing benefits and use of CHCC vehicles
   - J. Nurse Overtime Update
     - OT reduction initiatives
     - Nurses recruitment
     - Evaluation of direct hire of nurses versus manpower

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - CUC Payment Plan
   - Retirement Fund Payment Plan

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
   - FY 2014 Budget Revision
   - Board Resolution No. 2014-01 Re FY 2015 Budget Adoption
   - FY 2012 Audit Report

VIII. **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**
   - Credentialing of Medical Staff Update

IX. **MISCELLANEOUS**
   - A. Next Meeting
   - B. Adjournment

Public invited to NMC's Charter Day celebration tonight

To celebrate student achievement, employee contributions, and the founding of the institution, the Northern Marianas College is inviting the community to its Charter Day celebration tonight, May 16, 2014.

The theme of this year's Charter Day celebration is "Full Speed Ahead" in reference not only to the college's recent news of its accreditation being reaffirmed earlier this year but the desire to keep this momentum and dedication to excellence going.

"Charter Day is important not only because it commemorates the founding of NMC but it also allows the community to join our faculty, staff, and students in recognizing and celebrating the years of positively impacting the lives of so many people in the community," said Charter Day planning chair and NMC student Ervin Cruz. "We are extremely happy with the support we have received from the community members, including many local companies."

The celebration will kick off at 5pm and continue until 10pm at the NMC South Field across from the NMC Gym in As Terlaje.

The event will feature various entertainment and competitions, including the Marianas Idol singing contest, Battle of the Bands, and the Hi-Lux Truck & Sport Compact Car Show.

Numerous vendors will also be selling delicious food and drinks, as well as hosting game booths, including Hulu Girl, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Fong's Bakery, Aunty Mag's Catering, Matty's Barbeque, Poon's Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Lyn's BBQ, Sweet Escape Bakery, Roberto's Café & Restaurant, and much more.

As part of its commitment to promote healthy habits, sugary drinks will not be sold at Charter Day. This includes sodas, or other drinks with high sugar content. Note that water and coconut juice (in nut) will be sold at the event.

Those who cannot attend NMC's Charter Day festivities can view the festivities online by visiting the following website for the live stream: www.ustream.tv/channel/nmc2014charterday.

Sponsors of NMC's Charter Day include IT&E, NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service program (NMC-CREES), Docomo, *Saipan Tribune*, Pacifica Insurance, the Pacific Islands Club, DFS Galleria, Delta Air Lines, and Mobil Marianas Inc.

For more information, contact Ervin Cruz at 237-6782 or via email at ervin.cruz@student.nmcnet.edu, or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Cultural dancers perform in the Northern Marianas College's 2013 Charter Day celebration. This year's Charter Day celebration will be on Friday, May 16, 2014, from 5pm to 10pm at the NMC South Field in As Terlaje, and all members of the community are invited to attend.

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NEWS REPORTER

The *Saipan Tribune* is looking for a FULL-TIME news reporter.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Can work within deadlines;
- Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player;
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If you have what it takes to be part of a dynamic team, email your résumé and samples of your work to editor@saipantribune.com. You may also drop it off at the *Saipan Tribune* office on the second floor of the JP Center Building on Beach Road, Garapan. ON-ISLAND HIRES PREFERRED.

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Car Seat Recommendations for Children
Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
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AGE (years)
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
REAR-FACING CAR SEAT
Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.
FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT
Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.
BOOSTER SEAT
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.
SEATBELT
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.
DESCRIPTION (RESTRAINT TYPE)
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Business

Japan growth boosted by pre-tax hike spending rush

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's economy grew at a 5.9 percent annualized rate in the first quarter, the fastest in nearly three years, as companies and consumers brought forward spending to beat a sales tax increase that is expected to cause a contraction in the current quarter.

The growth figures for the world's third-largest economy released Thursday were in line with expectations. Strong private consumption, residential investment and corporate spending were the biggest contributors to growth, while public spending fell slightly.

Since taking office in late 2012, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has sought to get Japan's growth back on track through a combination of heavy government spending, ultra-loose monetary policy and economic reforms.

Although the economy was already recovering when Abe took office, his "Abenomics" formula is credited with boosting corporate profits and helping Japan escape from a long-time deflationary rut. Sustaining growth will require major reforms to boost competitiveness and unlock bottlenecks inhibiting growth, economists say.

"The evidence shows Abenomics has given a big boost to the economy so far, but it's mainly stimulus driven. The challenge is to shift to private sector demand," said Romain Duval, Asia-Pacific division chief at the International Monetary Fund.

Price increases are slowly moving toward a 2 percent official inflation target, thanks to the flood of money in the economy and to higher costs for imports due to a weakening in the Japanese yen.

Quarter-to-quarter growth, adjusted for inflation, was 1.5 percent, the fastest rate since the rebound from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. It was the sixth straight quarter of expansion.

Europe's recovery gains speed, faces obstacles

By DAVID McHUGH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Official figures are expected to confirm that Europe's recovery from recession gathered pace in the first three months of the year.

But the recovery is filled with worries, so much so that the European Central Bank is poised to deliver stimulus measures that are more usual for economies mired in recession rather than those on the upswing.

Figures on Thursday are expected to show that the economy of the 18 countries that use the euro expanded by 0.4 percent in the first quarter from the previous three-month period. That's double the rate recorded in the previous quarter and would mark the fourth straight quarterly expansion.

The recovery is clearly a source of hope for a region that's spent most of its time since 2008 in the midst of crisis. The global financial crisis, which threatened the banking system, exposed the weak underbelly of the whole euro project—the shaky state of the public finances of many of the currency's users, including Greece, Portugal and Italy.

Growth, even if shaky or uneven, is key to moving past those troubles.

Positive signs of late include:

■ Five straight months of modest declines in the number of unemployed people. A year ago there were fears that unemployment in the eurozone would breach the 20 million mark. It's now fallen to around 18.9 million and the rate has declined to 11.8 percent from the record 12 percent.

■ Surveys of purchasing managers have pointed to a pick-up in sentiment among business executives at levels indicating solid expansion.

■ Buoyant growth in Germany, Europe's biggest economy. The country and its high-value exporters have benefited hugely from the rebound in world trade.

■ Glimpses of recovery in those countries hardest hit by troubles over too much debt. Spain, which needed a 41 billion-euro ($56 billion) bailout loan from other eurozone countries to rescue its banking system, has already reported growth of 0.4 percent for the quarter, its highest in around six years. And Greece's output may have halted its plunge, though its economy is some 25 percent smaller than its peak in 2008.

United adds Mercedes-Benz tarmac transfer service at LAX

LOS ANGELES—United Airlines today expanded its Mercedes-Benz tarmac transportation service to Los Angeles International Airport, offering the airline's top frequent flyers increased comfort and a new way to save time when connecting through the airline's hub.

United will chauffeur selected Global Services members and United Global First customers to their connections in Los Angeles using its fleet of Mercedes-Benz GL350 BlueTEC SUVs, powered by environmentally friendly, clean diesel technology. United representatives will meet customers at the aircraft, escort them to the waiting Mercedes-Benz vehicle and drive them across the tarmac to their connecting flight. The expediting service gives priority to customers with close connections.

United also offers the transfer service at its hubs in Chicago, Houston, Newark, and San Francisco, and the airline plans to further expand it this year.

"We recognize that many of our customers value time above all else when traveling, and our tarmac transportation service demonstrates one of the thoughtful ways we can provide greater efficiency throughout their travels," said Jimmy Samartzis, United's vice president of customer experience. "With the expansion of the tarmac transfer service to Los Angeles, we continue to anticipate the needs of our most valuable customers when traveling through our hubs."

Along with tarmac transportation, the airline and Mercedes-Benz USA partner to provide attractive promotional packages and bonus miles to United's MileagePlus Premier members, which include Global Services members, who purchase or lease certain new Mercedes vehicles. Current offers are available at united.com/Mercedes.

Earlier this year, United opened a new Global Services reception lobby for its top frequent flyers at the airline's New York hub at Newark Liberty International airport. Later this year, United plans to open a Global Services reception lobby at San Francisco International Airport. In June, the airline will unveil an all-new United Club airport lounge and United Global First Lounge at London Heathrow International Airport's new Terminal 2, The Queen's Terminal. ***(PR)***

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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-14/PORT OF ROTA

AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning May 09, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-010-14" (Port of Rota). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 20, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Rota on **June 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Benjamin Manglona Rota International Airport (CPA) conference room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Rota Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the surveillance cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.
CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the 2012 Port Security Grant Program and CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-012-14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grass cutting services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning May 16, 2014. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport." One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00 am, Friday, May 30, 2014 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted
for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director
Date: May 1, 2014

Nation

9 wildfires burn across San Diego County

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP)—Nine wildfires covering more than 14 square miles scorched San Diego County on Wednesday, forcing thousands to flee their homes and prompting the closures of a college campus and Legoland California. No major injuries were reported.

Firefighters contended with temperatures approaching 100 degrees and gusty winds as they tried to contain flames fueled by brush and trees left brittle by drought. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries—one heat-related and one from smoke inhalation.

The biggest concern late Wednesday was in San Marcos north of San Diego, where a new blaze broke out in the late afternoon, some 21,000 evacuation notices were sent to residents and a California State University campus with nearly 10,000 students was evacuated. At least five structures there were destroyed, authorities said, but it wasn't immediately clear how many were homes.

The most destructive of the fires was in the coastal city of Carlsbad, about 30 miles north of San Diego and home to Legoland. The park was closed because of a power outage caused by the fire.

The city's schools also were closed, as most of the county's would be on Thursday, and officials expected they wouldn't reopen until next week.

Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall said the blaze consumed an eight-unit condominium complex, as well as damaged eight homes and two businesses. Thousands were asked to evacuate their homes.

As the flames surged, a steady stream of residents stopped at a roadblock on a four-lane thoroughfare as they tried to return home to collect valuables.

Richard Sanchez watched nervously as a plume of black smoke rose near his home. He had left his house an hour earlier to run an errand.

"All I want to do is get there and evacuate," Sanchez said. "We have a plan, but I can't execute it."

AP

A wildfire climbs a canyon toward homes Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in Carlsbad, Calif.

Fires flare in California

New brush fires flaring in Southern California have forced thousands to evacuate and destroyed houses in Carlsbad.

• The Etiwanda fire has burned 2,140 acres (866 hectares) and is 98 recent contained now

• Mandatory evacuations were ordered in Carlsbad as a 100 acre (40 hectare) fire flared in drought-dried brush land

Source: ESRI, DeLorme, IPC, NAVTEQ, NRCan Graphic: Robert Dorrell © 2014 MCT

Missouri lawmakers pass 3-day abortion wait period

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Missouri's Republican-controlled Legislature gave final approval Wednesday to legislation requiring a woman to wait three days after first seeing a doctor before having an abortion. Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon has not said whether he will sign or veto it. The measure would triple Missouri's current 24-hour waiting period and put the state in line with Utah and South Dakota as the only states to mandate a 72-hour time frame. Missouri currently has only one clinic performing elective abortions. The House voted 111-39 in favor of the measure Wednesday, sending it to Nixon, who has previously allowed other abortion restrictions to become law without his signature. That included a measure last year that requires doctors to be in the room for the initial dose of a drug used in medical abortions.

Boy survives 11-story fall from Minnesota building

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A young boy who survived an 11-story fall from a Minneapolis high-rise has been dubbed "the miracle baby" and was recovering in a hospital Wednesday.

Fifteen-month-old Musa Dayib suffered a broken spine and ribs as well as a concussion and a punctured lung. Musa's relatives believe he slipped through the railing of his family's apartment balcony Sunday evening.

The boy was in critical but stable condition Wednesday, Hennepin County Medical Center spokeswoman Christine Hill said.

Dr. Tina Slusher of the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit told the Star Tribune that Musa landed on a small patch of mulch.

"If you and I fell that far, we would be dead," Slusher said. "He's a kid. So they tend to be more flexible and pliable than you and I would be. Having said that, it's a real gift from God that he made it because this is a huge fall."

A group of Somali-Americans who live in the area quickly gathered as emergency workers treated the boy and an ambulance took him to the hospital, said community activist Abdirizak Bihi.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-SOQ-14-013

DESIGN OF LOWER BASE SEWER SYSTEM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms to design the Lower Base Sewer System on the island of Saipan, which will replace the existing and dilapidated sewer system which dates back to the Naval administration of Saipan. The design will intercept the existing Capitol Hill sewer in the lower portion of Isa Drive, will service the main Lower Base industrial area, and will include a new lift station that will pump into the existing force main coming from Tanapag. This force main will be extended and enlarged from the point of connection to discharge to the existing S-3 lift station at the Saipan Seaport, enabling the abandonment of lift stations S-1, T-3, and the Tan Holdings lift station. Connection of all existing, active buildings within the area served by the design will also be included. A&E services will include the necessary geotechnical and surveying services to develop the design and construction documents. Work must be coordinated with the A&E firm selected by the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF) to design the Lower Base water system, which will be on-going at near the same time as this design contract. This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and all work is subject to EDA review and approval.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective A&E firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC SOQ 14-013, Request for Statement of Qualifications-Design of Lower Base Sewer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 6, 2014. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing A&E firms.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 27, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org. Responses to Questions will be provided no later than May 29, 2014.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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World

274 dead in Turkey's worst-ever mine disaster

SOMA, Turkey (AP)—Amid wails of grief and anger, rescue workers coated in grime trudged repeatedly out of a coal mine Wednesday with stretchers of bodies that swelled the death toll to 274—the worst such disaster in Turkish history.

Hopes faded for 150 others still trapped deep underground in smoldering tunnels filled with toxic gases.

Anti-government protests broke out in the mining town of Soma, as well as Istanbul and the capital, Ankara, with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan heckled as he tried to show concern. Protesters shouted "Murderer!" and "Thief!" and

Source: AP, NBC News © 2014 MCT

Erdogan was forced to seek refuge in a supermarket, surrounded by police.

The display of anger could have significant repercussions for the Turkish leader, who is widely expected to run for president in the August election, although he has not yet announced his candidacy.

Tensions were high as hundreds of relatives and miners jostled outside the mine's entrance Wednesday, waiting for news amid a heavy police presence. Rows of women wailed uncontrollably and men knelt sobbing or simply stared in disbelief as rescue workers removed body after body, some charred beyond recognition.

One elderly man wearing a prayer cap wailed after he recognized one of the dead, and police had to restrain him from climbing into an ambulance with the body. An injured rescue worker who emerged alive was whisked away on a stretcher to the cheers of onlookers.

Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said 787 people were inside the coal mine at the time of Tuesday's explosion: 274 died and 363 were rescued, including scores who were injured.

The death toll topped a 1992 gas explosion that killed 263 workers near Turkey's Black Sea port of Zonguldak. It also left 150 miners still unaccounted for.

AP

A woman reacts after seeing the dead body of a relative outside a coal mine in Soma, western Turkey, some 250 kilometers (155 miles) south of Istanbul, early Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Riots in Vietnam leave 1 Chinese dead, 90 injured

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A 1,000-strong mob stormed a Taiwanese steel mill in Vietnam, killing at least one Chinese worker and injuring 90 more, the Taiwanese ambassador said Thursday, the first deadly incident in a wave of anti-Chinese protests prompted by Beijing's deployment of an oil rig in disputed seas.

The unrest took place at a mill in Ha Tinh province in central Vietnam, 250 kilometers (155miles) south of Hanoi, operated by the conglomerate Formosa Plastics Group, one of the biggest foreign investors in Vietnam, according to Ambassador Huang Chih-peng and local hospital officials.

Huang, who spoke to a member of the management team at the mill Thursday morning, said rioters lit fires at several buildings and hunted down the Chinese workers, but didn't target the Taiwanese management. He said that the head of the provincial government and its security chief were at the mill during the riot but didn't "order tough enough action."

He said he was told one Chinese citizen was killed in the riots and around 90 others were injured.

A hospital official doctor at the Ha Tinh General Hospital said some 50 people, most of them Chinese nationals, were admitted to the hospital Wednesday night and early Thursday morning. He didn't give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Huang said the rioters left the complex at 6:00 a.m., but he feared they "might be going for a rest and could come back."

WORLD BRIEFS

15 crew indicted over SKorean ferry disaster

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's prosecutors on Thursday indicted 15 crew members over last month's ferry sinking, four of them on homicide charges, in a disaster has left more than 300 people dead or missing. Prosecutors said they brought homicide charges against the ship's captain and three other crew members because they failed to carry out their duties to protect passengers in need, which led to their deaths. If convicted, they could face up to death penalty, according to Supreme Court. Eleven others were indicted for alleged negligence and abandoning passengers in need when the ship sank on April 16, according to prosecutors. The indictment was filed Thursday in Gwangju District Court and the trial date will be decided in a few days, according to a court official who requested anonymity due to department rules.

Extremists attack town of abducted schoolgirls

BAUCHI, Nigeria (AP)—Islamic militants again attacked the remote Nigerian town from which nearly 300 schoolgirls were kidnapped, Nigeria's military said Wednesday, resulting in a firefight that killed 12 soldiers and led angry troops to fire on a commanding officer. Soldiers said the troops fired at a senior officer who came to pay respects to the killed soldiers, whose bodies were brought to a barracks in Maiduguri, the capital of northeastern Borno state. It's another sign of demoralization in the military that is in charge of the search for the abducted schoolgirls. The failure of Nigeria's government and military to find them after the April 15 mass abduction has triggered national and international outrage and forced Nigeria's government to accept international help last week.

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DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILING

This is to remind all individuals who may be required to file OPA Form EC-101, the Statement of Financial Interest, that the **deadline for filing without penalty is May 31, 2014**. The filing of this form, including a Notary's verification, covers calendar year 2013 and is required by the Government Ethics Code (1 CMC § 8501, *et seq.*). Any person failing to comply with the financial disclosure requirement of this law is subject to financial and other penalties, including a **$10 per day fine** for any periods of delinquency.

The following individuals are required to file a Statement of Financial Interest:

- Each elected Commonwealth official.
- Each appointed Commonwealth or judicial officer, including department Secretaries, Directories and their deputies, regular or acting members of Boards, Commissions and Task Forces.
- Each public employee who received additional compensation in calendar year 2013 either for professional services they may have rendered or as an independent contractor for any government agency of the Commonwealth.

You may obtain forms from several sources including the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA), located on Capitol Hill at 1236 Yap Drive (phone 322-6481/2), or you may download the required form from OPA's web site at www.opacnmi.com. Also, notary services needed in verifying the form are available at OPA free of charge.

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2014-CDA-05-ITB

Submission & Opening Date: June 16, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.

"PREVENTIVE MAINTENACE – AIR CONDITION UNITS"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CHO, SEONG JEO, Plaintiff, vs. PARK JAE HYUN, HAN SANG EOK, KWON CHOON SEOB, MOON YOO SUK, AN JONG HO, PHILIP S. BERG COMPANY, LTD. and DAE DONG CORPORATION, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0161C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 22, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendants in and to the following real property, located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Tract No. H 246 situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of North 45,325.50 meters and East 51,207.79 meters of the Northern Mariana Islands Coordinate System of 1996.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Tuesday, June 24, 2014**, at the hour of **10:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 8th day of May, 2014.

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OPENING DATE OF BID: Friday, May 23, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors through its Chairwoman of the Board, are soliciting competitive sealed bids from interested contractors on NMHC's list of approved contractors, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up the Scope of Work at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, beginning Friday, May 2, 2014 during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday except CNMI holidays. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in the Garapan, Saipan, on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Inquiries may be directed to Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager, at telephone nos. 670.234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the best interest of the NMHC and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor, in San Jose Village Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of minutes of 12/03/13

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS[2]

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION[2]

IV. NEW BUSINESS
1. Election of Officers
2. Review of Policies and Regulations
3. Review and Approval of Spring 2014 Scholarship Applications
4. Approval of Spring 2014 Award Disbursement

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary/Treasurer

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

VII. ADJOURNMENT

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

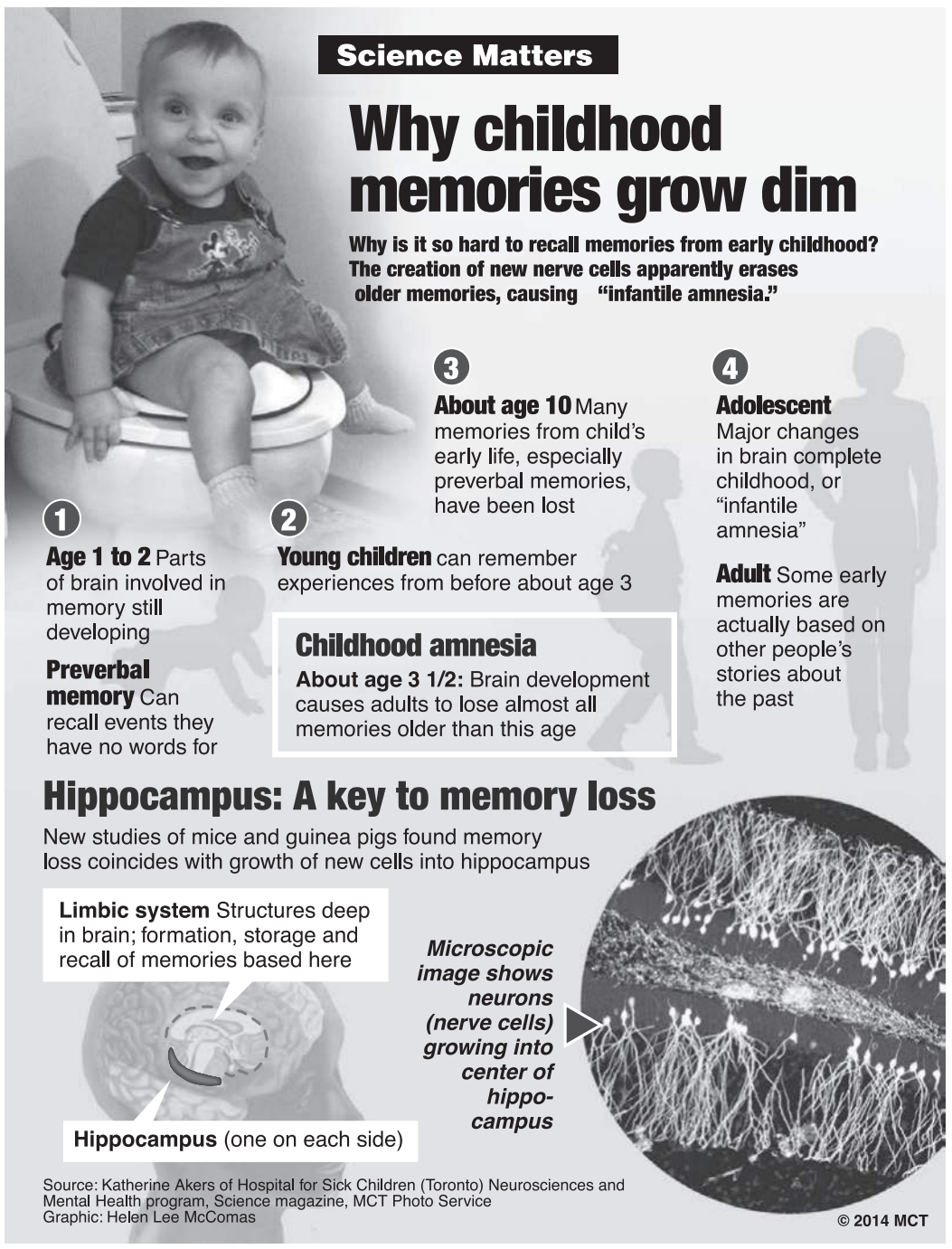
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

Science & Technology

Netflix's share of peak Internet traffic rises

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Netflix increased its share of fixed-line Internet traffic in North America in the first half of 2014, accounting for 34 percent of data flowing to consumers during peak times, up from 32 percent in the latter half of 2013. That's according to a new report from Sandvine Inc., a Canadian networking services company. Sandvine also found that file-sharing—the main tool of content piracy—had fallen to 8.3 percent of all daily network traffic, compared to 31 percent in 2008, as legitimate options flourished. Sandvine for the first time identified Internet users who are likely "cord cutters," or those likely to drop traditional pay TV. They were the top 15 percent heaviest users of streaming audio and video.


Science Matters
Why childhood memories grow dim
Why is it so hard to recall memories from early childhood? The creation of new nerve cells apparently erases older memories, causing "infantile amnesia."
1 Age 1 to 2 Parts of brain involved in memory still developing
Preverbal memory Can recall events they have no words for
2 Young children can remember experiences from before about age 3
Childhood amnesia
About age 3 1/2: Brain development causes adults to lose almost all memories older than this age
3 About age 10 Many memories from child's early life, especially preverbal memories, have been lost
4 Adolescent Major changes in brain complete childhood, or "infantile amnesia"
Adult Some early memories are actually based on other people's stories about the past
Hippocampus: A key to memory loss
New studies of mice and guinea pigs found memory loss coincides with growth of new cells into hippocampus
Limbic system Structures deep in brain; formation, storage and recall of memories based here
Hippocampus (one on each side)
Microscopic image shows neurons (nerve cells) growing into center of hippo-campus
Source: Katherine Akers of Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto) Neurosciences and Mental Health program, Science magazine, MCT Photo Service
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TECH Q&A

Spam filters work, but not well enough

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I am inundated with spam, and receive as many as 50 to 75 junk emails per day. I have used spam filtering software, tried a new Web browser and complained to my email service provider without much effect. What can I do?

ANSWER: There are some things you can do to reduce the amount of spam you receive, but there isn't any way to eliminate it entirely.

The best thing you can do is find an email service that does a better job of filtering out spam before it gets to your inbox. I suggest Google's Gmail, which is good but not perfect.

You should also avoid clicking on anything in a spam email, including the unsubscribe link. If you try to unsubscribe, you're just confirming that your email address works and can continue to be a spammer target. The right thing to do is either delete the email or send it to your provider's spam filter for future use in deciding what to block as spam.

While spam remains a huge, intractable problem, it's only fair to note that spam filtering does reduce how much reaches your inbox. Without filtering, more than 70 percent of your email would be spam. But the filters are no match for the resourcefulness of spammers. Consider what filters try to catch, and how spammers have learned to avoid being caught:

Spam filters, and their associated "blacklists," search for Internet Protocol addresses and domain names (the part of the email address following the @ symbol) that have previously sent spam. Spammers change those things daily to avoid detection.

Spam filtering programs look at the use of key words or symbols (Free, Money Back Offer, $$$, Click Here) in the sender's name, subject line or body of the email. Spammers now avoid using those words or symbols, or use them sparingly.

Spam filters also look for attention-getting tactics, such as the use of all capital letters in the subject line or body of the email. As a result, spammers instead get your attention with emails that have unusual combinations of capital and lowercase letters.

Spam filters keep track of how many similar emails they receive, and at some point classify them as spam. Spammers try to stay under the number of duplicate emails they believe will trigger that response.

Off the Wall

Ohio court OKs order that dad can't have more kids

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio appeals court has upheld a judge's order that a deadbeat father can't have more kids until he pays his back child support. The decision this week by the 9th District Court of Appeals didn't provide an opinion about whether the judge's order was appropriate. Instead the appeals court said it didn't have enough information to decide the merits of the case without a copy of the presentence report detailing Asim Taylor's background. In January 2013, Lorain County Probate Judge James Walther said Taylor couldn't have more children while he is on probation for five years. The judge said the order would be lifted if Taylor pays nearly $100,000 in overdue support for his four children.

New Mexico librarian finds letters from 1967

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico librarian discovered a blast from the past, specifically 1967. Lola Delaney tells The Daily Times that she was recently cleaning the library of Hermosa Middle School in Farmington when she went through a cardboard box. Delaney says inside were 31 letters all dated April 1967. According to the letters, they were written by students and meant to be given to the class of 1987. In the letters, the students touch on numerous topics including the Vietnam War, the space race and miniskirts. Delaney says the students who wrote the letters have been invited to an annual celebration May 19 at the school, where the letters will be available to read. She says she doesn't know if students in 1987 ever received them.

Bears suspected in New Hampshire car break-ins

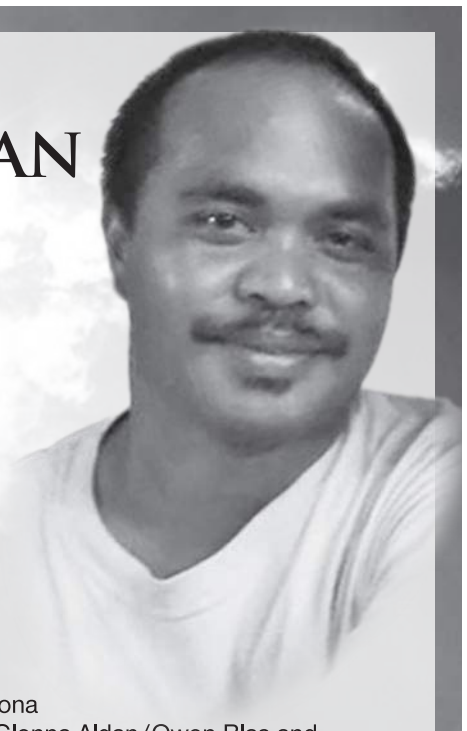
NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (AP)—Wildlife officials in New Hampshire believe a bear is to blame for a series of recent car break-ins. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department says several cars have been broken into over the last few weeks in the same North Conway neighborhood. Officials say the likely culprit is a bear looking for food. Terry Leavitt tells WMUR-TV the radio was pulled out of her dashboard. The interior was ripped apart and a window was smashed. Other residents also reported similar damage. Conway police Sgt. George Walker says it's a common occurrence this time of year as bears stop hibernating and search for food. And the suspect description is always the same: "black and furry."

Danes scrap controversial promotional video

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Sex. Violence. Elections. Oops. Officials in Denmark have retracted a controversial animated cartoon that was intended to inspire young people to vote in upcoming elections for the European Parliament. The 90-second video featured a mustachioed, muscular man aggressively interrupting a couple having sex and punching people into a polling station. It was posted late Monday on the Danish Parliament's social media sites. Parliament Speaker Mogens Lykketoft said Tuesday that the 179-seat Folketing should in future "be more careful with what we put our name to." Lawmakers were cited by Danish media as saying it was done without their knowledge. Voting for the 751-seat European Parliament takes place in each of the European Union's 28 member states, stretching over four days beginning May 22.

In Celebration of His New Life

†RAY JOAB ALDAN



Lovingly known as "Jun"

Born to life on December 23, 1980 and was called to his eternal rest on May 09, 2014.

In His New Life, He now joins his:
Grandparents: †Lowa and †Neran Joab
†Felipe C. and
†Rosalia DLG. Aldan
Nephew: †Richol N. Aldan

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Father: Ramon DLG. Aldan
Mother: Keslina J. Aldan
Biological Mother: Madelsar Baulechong
Common-law Wife: Sharma Agulto
Children: Rayanna, Austin, Divonna, Jr. and Leona
Brothers & Sisters: Mirian Joab and children, Glenna Aldan/Owen Blas and children, Ron Lowa/Melanie and children, Richard/Charise and children, Michelle J. Aldan
Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law: Roy, Vicky and children, Frank Jr. and children, Anthony/Thelma and children, Leo Agulto and children, Bernie/Charlie and children, Eleanor Agulto and children, Don/Doshune and children

He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

Daily Mass of intentions is being offered at Santa Soledad Church at 6:00PM followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00AM his remains will be escorted from CHC to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Responso will be at 8:00AM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

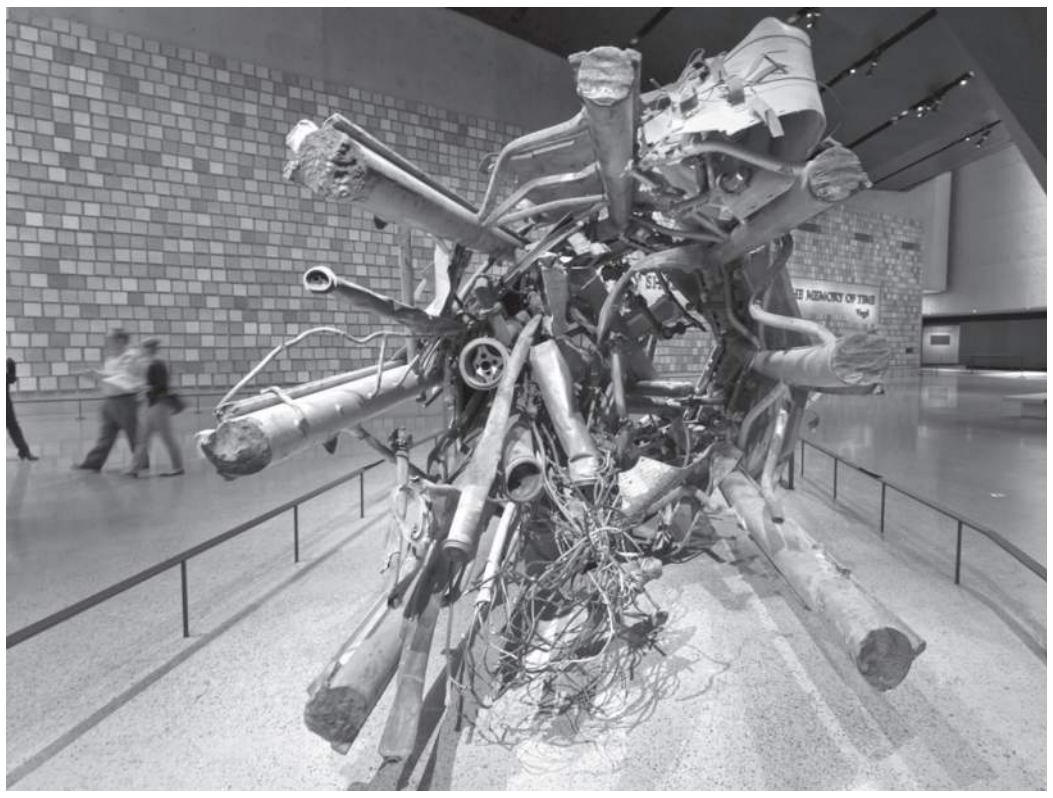
Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

THE FAMILY

Life & Style

9/11 museum offers sights and sounds of tragedy

NEW YORK (AP)—The museum devoted to the story of Sept. 11 tells it in victims' last voicemails, in photos of people falling from the twin towers, in the scream of sirens, in the dust-covered shoes of those who fled the skyscrapers' collapse, in the wristwatch of one of the airline passengers who confronted the hijackers.



AP

The twisted remains of a portion of the television transmission tower from the World Trade Center is displayed at the National Sept. 11 Memorial Museum, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in New York.

By turns chilling and heartbreaking, a place of both deathly silence and distressing sounds, the National September 11 Memorial Museum opens this week deep beneath ground zero, 12 1/2 years after the terrorist attacks.

The project was marked by construction problems, financial squabbles and disputes over the appropriate way to honor the nearly 3,000 people killed in New York, Washington and the Pennsylvania countryside.

Whatever the challenges in conceiving it, "you won't walk out of this museum without a feeling that you understand humanity in a deeper way," museum President Joe Daniels said Wednesday.

The privately operated museum—built along with the memorial plaza above for $700 million in donations and tax dollars—will be dedicated Thursday with a visit from President Barack Obama and will be open initially to victims' families, survivors and first responders. It will open to the public May 21.

Charles G. Wolf, who lost his wife, Katherine, planned to be at the ceremonial opening.

"I'm looking forward to tomorrow, and I'm dreading tomorrow," he said Wednesday. "It brings everything up."

Visitors start in an airy pavilion where the rusted tops of two of the World Trade Center's trident-shaped columns shoot upward. From there, stairs and ramps lead people on an unsettling journey into 9/11.

First, a dark corridor is filled with the voices of people remembering the day. Then visitors find themselves looking over a cavernous space, 70 feet below ground, at the last steel column removed during the ground zero cleanup—a totem covered with the numbers of police precincts and firehouses and other messages.

Descend farther—past the battered "survivors' staircase" that hundreds used to escape the burning towers—and there are such artifacts as a mangled piece of the antenna from atop the trade center and a fire truck with its cab shorn off.

And then, through a revolving door, visitors are plunged into the chaos of Sept. 11: fragments of planes, a teddy bear left at the impromptu memorials that arose after the attacks, video of the twin towers collapsing and people running from plumes of dust, footage of an astronaut solemnly describing the smoke plume from high above Earth ("I just wanted the folks to know that their city still looks very beautiful from space," Frank Culbertson says), and the sounds of emergency radio transmissions and office workers calling loved ones.

Sprinkled among stories of heroism are snippets about the hijackers, including photos of all 19 on an inconspicuous panel.

"I'm still processing" the impact of seeing the museum, said Anthony Garner, who lost his brother Harvey on 9/11 and visited on Wednesday. He said it will show visitors "that they're in a very sacred place and a very historic place."

$103K for portrait of girl who was shot by Taliban

NEW YORK (AP)—A British artist's portrait of a young Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education brought in more than $100,000 at auction Wednesday.

Christie's said the painting of Malala Yousafzai by Jonathan Yeo sold for $102,500, including the buyer's premium.

Yeo painted Yousafzai in 2013 after she started attending a school in Birmingham, England, where she now lives.

AP

This undated file photo issued Tuesday Sept. 10, 2013, by the British National Portrait Gallery, shows a painting by artist Jonathan Yeo depicting the teenager education activist Malala Yousafzai, doing her homework.

The sale proceeds will go to the Malala Fund charity. The fund said the money would in turn be given to Nigerian nonprofits that focus on education for women and girls in the wake of the kidnapping of more than 300 schoolgirls in that country.

The painting hung in the National Portrait Gallery in London last year for an exhibition of Yeo's portraits of well-known figures, including Sienna Miller, Kevin Spacey and Rupert Murdoch.

Malala was 15 when she was shot in 2012 as she traveled to her Pakistani school. President Barack Obama has called her the "bravest girl in the world."

In an interview last week, Yeo said he wanted the portrait to capture "this extraordinary dichotomy" of someone with "enormous power and wisdom" but who is still very young.

"Her birth instinct isn't self-pity but rather what else she could do to help other girls in her position," Yeo said.

He said he spent "a lot of time chatting" with her and "hearing her world views and what her life is like" before sitting down to paint her.

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Warhol selfies auctioned for $30.1M in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—What's a selfie worth?

If they're from Andy Warhol, made with a silkscreen rather than a smartphone, the answer is millions.

A series of six of the eccentric American artist's self-portraits sold at auction Wednesday in New York for $30.1 million.

Warhol made the vibrant images of himself wearing his famous "fright wig" in 1986—a year before his death and just over a quarter-century before the Oxford English Dictionary made the suddenly ubiquitous "selfie" its word of the year.

Warhol's trailblazing, if not technologically parallel, take led the bidding at Sotheby's contemporary art auction and capped a triumphant week for his work.

The artist's 1960s work "Big Electric Chair," which shows an execution chamber against panels of blue, green and pink fetched $20.4 million at the same Sotheby's auction. His "12 Mona Lisas" went for $11.4 million.

Two other works from Warhol's "Death and Disaster" series sold Tuesday at Christie's for a combined $100 million.

"Race Riot, 1964"—a four-panel painting of unrest in Alabama—went for $62.9 million at Christie's auction of postwar and contemporary works.

His 1962 painting "White Marilyn," completed shortly after Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe took her life, sold for $41 million.

In all, Sotheby's sold 67 pieces Wednesday for a total of $364.4 million.

All prices included the buyer's premium.

Casino magnate Steve Wynn purchased Jeff Koons' 7-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture of the spinach-loving cartoon character "Popeye" for $28.2 million and will put it on display at his Wynn Las Vegas property in Nevada, Sotheby's said.

Koons' "Jim Beam J.B. Turner Train," a 9 1/2 -foot-long-stainless steel sculpture filled with bourbon, sold Tuesday for $33.8 million.

German painter Gerhard Richter's "Blau" sold Wednesday for $28.7 million, about $9 million shy of his auction record set last year at Sotheby's.

Jean-Michel Basquiat's "Undiscovered Genius of the Mississippi Delta" sold Wednesday for $23.7 million.

Cannes kicks off with Kidman, 'Grace of Monaco'

CANNES, France (AP)—The Grace Kelly melodrama "Grace of Monaco" kicked off the 67th annual Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday with classic French Riviera glamour, behind-the-scenes controversy and emphatic boos from critics.

The film, starring Nicole Kidman as Kelly during her marriage to Prince Rainier III of Monaco (Tim Roth), gave Cannes some local Cote d'Azur color and star wattage for a flashy opening. But it also started the 11-day festival on an unusually tumultuous note.

"Grace of Monaco" has for months been embroiled in a feud over the final edit with North American distributor the Weinstein Co. It has also been criticized by the Monaco royal family as inaccurate. (The film, which chronicles Kelly's retirement from Hollywood and adjustment to life as a European princess, is a labeled as a "fictional account inspired by real events.")

But director Olivier Dahan ("La Vie en Rose") and Weinstein Co. co-chairman Harvey Weinstein swept their differences under the red carpet Wednesday. After twice postponing its U.S. release, the Weinstein Co. will distribute Dahan's version, albeit for a lesser fee.

"There is only one version of the film," Dahan said, adding that any changes would be made mutually. "There is no longer any dispute. We work well together."

Yet "Grace of Monaco" was met with some of the worst reviews for a Cannes opener. The Hollywood Reporter called the film "a stiff, stagey, thunderingly earnest affair which has generated far more drama off screen than on."

Reports had questioned whether Weinstein would spurn the premiere, causing him to issue a statement Wednesday saying he was traveling on a humanitarian trip in Jordan. He wished Dahan and the cast "all the best" for the screening.

Kidman was clearly excited by the part—playing a great actress she admires and is arguably her equal in stature.

Hotel fires person who recorded Jay Z attack video

NEW YORK (AP)—A hotel where someone recorded security video appearing to show Beyonce's sister, Solange Knowles, attacking Jay Z inside an elevator said Wednesday it had identified and fired the person.

The Standard Hotel said the person had been terminated for "breaching the security polices of the hotel and recording the confidential CCTV video."

Celebrity website TMZ posted the 3-minute video on Monday and said it was shot last week inside a Standard Hotel elevator.

The video appears to show Solange attacking Jay Z in Beyonce's presence. A security guard intervenes. The footage shows the performers in the outfits they wore to the Met Gala last week. There is no audio.

The hotel said after the video was first aired that it was "shocked and disappointed" by the security breach. It said Wednesday that it will turn over "all available information to criminal authorities."

Representatives for Jay Z, Beyonce and Solange haven't commented on the video and didn't reply to emails sent Wednesday seeking comment.

Jay Z and Beyonce, who were married in 2008, will kick off their co-headlining "On the Run Tour" on June 25 in Miami.

Solange recently performed at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, where Beyonce joined her onstage.

AP

This Jan. 26, 2014 file photo shows Beyonce, left, and Jay Z performing "Drunk in Love" at the 56th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Beyonce, Jay Z, Drake lead at BET Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Beyonce and Jay Z are making headlines for another reason this week: They lead in nominations at the BET Awards.

The network announced Wednesday the performers are nominated for five awards each, along with Drake. Pharrell and rising performer August Alsina each has four nominations.

Chris Rock will host the BET Awards, to air live June 29 from the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live.

Beyonce will compete twice for video of the year with the songs "Partition" and "Drunk in Love," which features Jay Z. Her competition includes Pharrell's "Happy," Drake's "Worst Behavior" and Chris Brown's "Fine China."

Celebrity website TMZ on Monday posted a leaked security video appearing to show Beyonce's sister, Solange, attacking Jay Z inside a New York hotel elevator in Beyonce's presence.

Los Angeles police investigating Justin Bieber

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber is under investigation after a woman accused the embattled pop singer of trying to steal her cellphone at a family entertainment center, police said Wednesday.

The woman was taking photos of the singer, and he asked her to stop but didn't accost her, said Howard Weitzman, Bieber's attorney.

Police spokeswoman Rosario Herrera said the woman reported that Bieber, 20, attempted to take the phone Monday night at the facility that features miniature golf, arcades and batting cages in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood.

Bieber was hitting baseballs while the woman photographed him and tried to get him to take a picture with her daughter, Weitzman said.

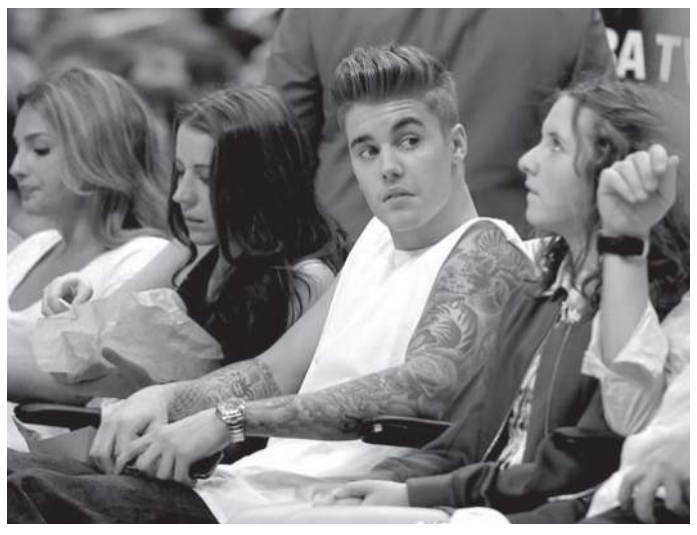
Weitzman said he looked into the allegations and an employee at the facility reported that the woman was the aggressor.

"I would think this would fade away, given the facts here," he added.

Detectives interviewed the woman Tuesday night. The Police Department's elite Robbery Homicide Division are investigating, and detectives asked the public to step forward with information.

Prosecutors are still considering whether to file charges against Bieber over an egg-throwing incident in January that damaged a neighbor's home in Calabasas.

Bieber is scheduled to go on trial in July in Miami on charges he was driving under the influence and without a valid driver's license in January. He has also been charged in Toronto with assault. Weitzman has said Bieber is innocent in the Toronto case.



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This May 11, 2014 file photo shows singer Justin Bieber, center, watching the Los Angeles Clippers play the Oklahoma City Thunder with his mother Pattie Mallette, second from left, in the first half of Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series in Los Angeles.

'Jeopardy!' creates a Broadway designer category

NEW YORK (AP)—Costume designer William Ivey Long has made outfits for more than 60 Broadway shows and won six Tony Awards, but he's about to get an honor never before offered—his own category on "Jeopardy!"

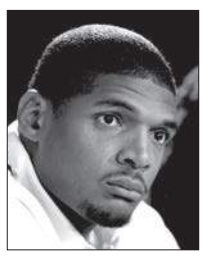
The hit syndicated game show hosted by Alex Trebek said Long will be featured on Friday's telecast, the first time an entire category about a single Broadway designer has been created for contestants.

"Jeopardy!" has long given Broadway a boost, offering such categories as "Broadway Musicals" and "Pop Singers on Broadway"—priceless publicity since "Jeopardy!" reaches 25 million viewers each week.

Last year, the TV show took the unprecedented step of having an entire category dedicated to "Wicked" and producers did it again in November for "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella."

Oprah's network plans series on NFL's Michael Sam

NEW YORK (AP)—The Oprah Winfrey Network says it plans to produce a documentary series following the life of Michael Sam, the first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team.



Sam

The series will take an up-close look at the man recently drafted by the St. Louis Rams in a groundbreaking moment in professional sports. Cameras will follow the former University of Missouri football player as he works to earn a spot on the Rams while under a media microscope.

Sam says it would be great if his story can lead others to accept who they are and go for their dreams.

OWN did not specify a premiere date for the as-yet-untitled series or how many episodes it will be.

Exercise floor show detracts from visits with relatives

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I go to visit my mother (in another city) every other month or so, my brother and his wife insist on coming over to see us while we're there. Our visits usually last two or three days.

Many times when they come over, my sister-in-law will start doing her exercise routine, including floor exercises, which are, in my husband's and my opinion, unbecoming and inappropriate to do in front of other people.

How do we deal with this? Are we crazy to feel awkward when she's lying on her back doing these pelvic thrusts? Would it be out of line to ask her NOT to do this in the future?

My brother says, "She won't listen to me, so it wouldn't do any good to talk to her," so we know talking to her won't help. What do you suggest?

FEELING AWKWARD

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Here's how I'd handle it. Talk to her anyway, and ask her to please refrain from doing these exercises in your presence because it makes you uncomfortable. But if that doesn't work and she starts "performing," stand up and say, "Hey, folks. Let's go out for a walk (or coffee, or a sandwich)," and put an end to her bid for attention that way.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend will have "scheduled" sex with me—only after he has had his shower in the evening or in the morning. Every once in a while I get lucky and am able to stop by after work and have a quickie. It's driving me crazy.

I have tried many ways to get him to have sex spontaneously, but he won't budge. It's starting to be a turn-off because it's not the "right time." What do I do?

LOOSER THAN THAT IN DETROIT

DEAR LOOSER: Your boyfriend may have a touch of OCD, or need to feel "in control" when he has sex. In other words, if the encounter is not his idea and at the time he chooses, he doesn't get turned on.

There's help for him if he's willing to admit there "may" be a problem. But if he isn't, then find yourself another fella because nothing is likely to change.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is being married in September. I am in the wedding. My wife and I are having a baby in June, but the bride does not want to include my new baby. I think she is concerned people will pay attention to the baby and not her.

Many distant relatives will attend and this may be the only time they will see my son. She plans to invite more than 200 people. Am I right to be upset that my son, her nephew, is not invited?

JOHN DOE IN PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR JOHN DOE: I don't think so. It's the bride's day, and you should abide by her wishes without complaining. If she prefers not to have her wedding disrupted by an infant who needs feeding or changing, it's her choice.

Because you want to show off your new baby, bring along pictures and pass them around. I'm sure the relatives will be thrilled to see them.

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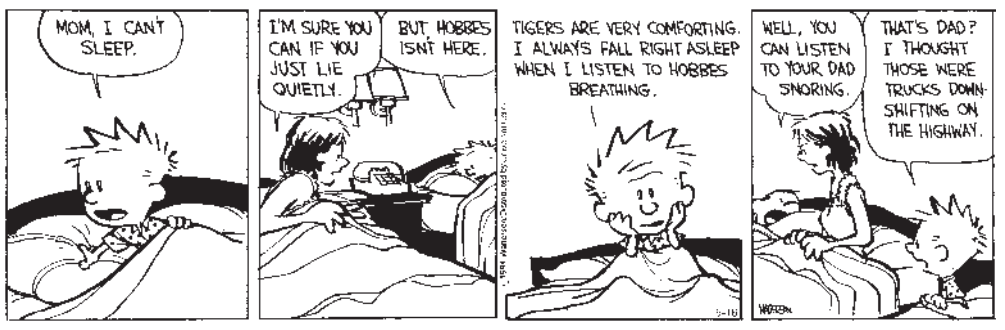
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


MOM, I CAN'T SLEEP.
I'M SURE YOU CAN IF YOU JUST LIE QUIETLY.
BUT HOBBES ISN'T HERE.
TIGERS ARE VERY COMFORTING. I ALWAYS FALL RIGHT ASLEEP WHEN I LISTEN TO HOBBES BREATHING.
WELL, YOU CAN LISTEN TO YOUR DAD SNORING.
THAT'S DAD? I THOUGHT THOSE WERE TRUCKS DOWNSHIFTING ON THE HIGHWAY.

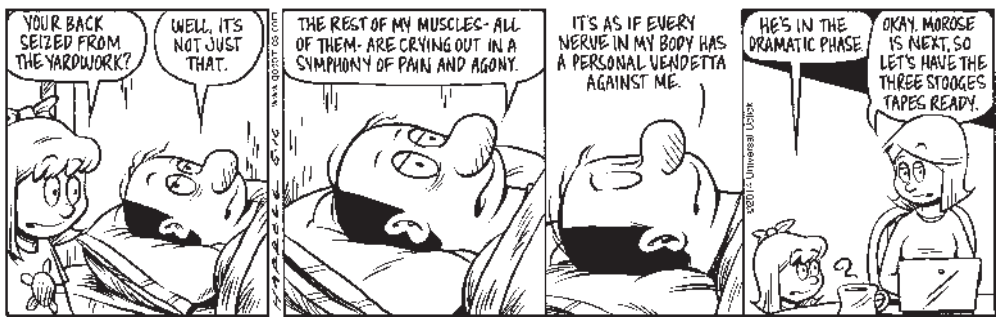
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE POLKA SONG, LIZ?
UH...
I DON'T THINK I HAVE ONE
TOO HARD TO CHOOSE, HUH?
JUST NOD YOUR HEAD AND BACK AWAY SLOWLY
JIM DAVIS 5-16

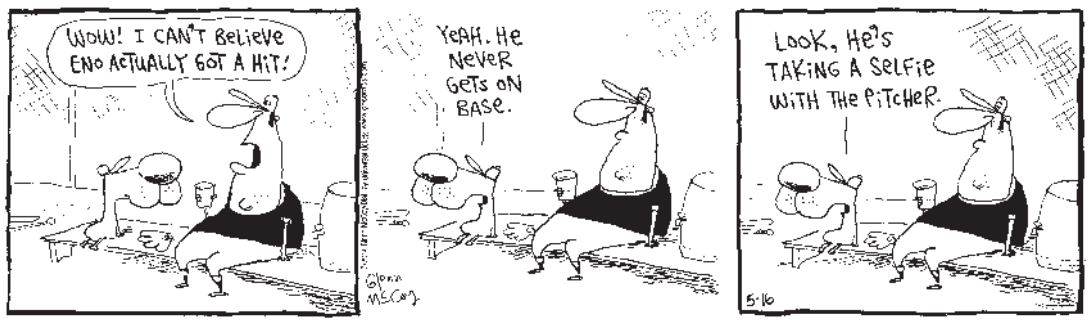
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


YOUR BACK SEIZED FROM THE YARDWORK?
WELL, IT'S NOT JUST THAT.
THE REST OF MY MUSCLES- ALL OF THEM- ARE CRYING OUT IN A SYMPHONY OF PAIN AND AGONY.
IT'S AS IF EVERY NERVE IN MY BODY HAS A PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST ME.
HE'S IN THE DRAMATIC PHASE.
OKAY. MOROSE IS NEXT, SO LET'S HAVE THE THREE STOOGES TAPES READY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Tropical melon tree
6 Big bother
9 — de deux
12 1998-2004 Olds model
13 Kitten's call
14 Literary collection
15 Jeans material
16 Fine
18 Like some donuts
20 Wolverine's group
21 — Dhabi
23 Neither mate
24 Mess up
25 Eye part
27 Copy, for short
29 Bitter ill-will
31 Walked unsteadily
35 Valerie Harper role
37 Big rig
38 "Barbarella" director
41 Switch positions
43 Sister
44 On
45 Subject of King Minos
47 Intel brand
49 Ending for "pan"
52 Individual
53 Penny figure
54 Get more magazines
55 Sturgeon product
56 Scratch
57 Flat finish

DOWN
1 Cushion
2 Brewery product
3 Gotham City waddler
4 Seed coat
5 Female
6 Current measure
7 "Monopoly" card
8 Possess
9 Fortune-teller's reading material?
10 Started the pot
11 Refuse
17 Self-evident truths
19 Don Diego de la Vega
21 Melody
22 Underwear with underwire
24 Med. diagnostic tool
26 Scenario
28 Wood-shaving tool
30 Resistance unit
32 Collegian wall decoration
33 Ostrich's kin
34 Cacophony
36 Window in a roof
38 Contrail, e.g.
39 "—' clock scholar"
40 Recipient
42 Rage
45 Castro's place
46 Vicinity
48 Cartesian conclusion
50 Encountered
51 Shock partner

Solution time: 25 mins.

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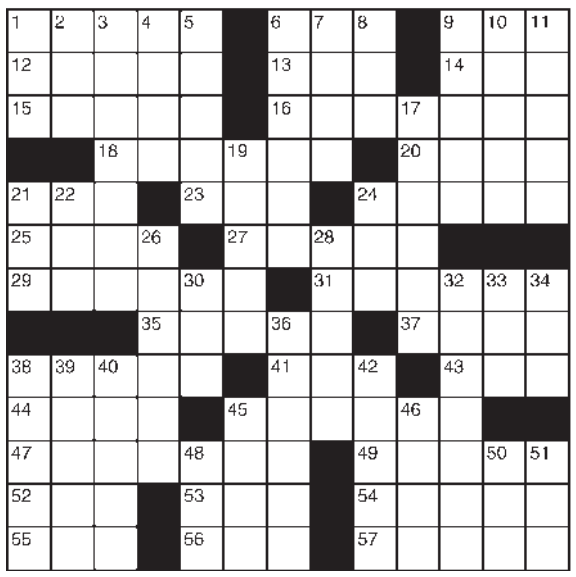
Yesterday's answer 5-15



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Happy Birthday: Get your act together and move into the fast lane. Embrace whatever and whoever interests you. Learn from those with more experience, and teach those with less. Altering the way you do things can cause conflicts with those who don't like change. Choices will have to be made in order to finish what you start. Weed out and move forward. Your numbers are 3, 15, 26, 31, 36, 42, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Present how you look, what you know and who you are with finesse. A short trip or sharing thoughts with someone knowledgeable will help you make a decision regarding a relationship you have with someone. Cut your overhead by sharing expenses. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Refrain from taking on too much or overdoing or spending on things you don't need or that won't help you get ahead. Focus on stabilizing important relationships and discussing ways to improve your current situation. Hold off on making physical changes. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Revisit some of your past acquaintances and projects and see if you can reunite or recycle. A change in the crowd you hang out with will introduce you to someone interesting, but caution must be taken. Avoid indulgent and unpredictable people. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Check out your options and look for a new way to use your skills and knowledge to earn a living. Don't let someone's unpredictable nature cost you. Size up your situation and take advantage of an opportunity to promote your ideas and talents. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Get out and mingle. Set your sights on participating in something energetic that can help you show off and attract attention. Romance is on the rise and special plans will improve your love life. A day trip will be costly, but rewarding. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't jump into a fast-cash scheme. You can't believe everything you hear and must protect against swindlers and con artists. If a deal sounds too good, back away. Put your effort into doing something special with your loved ones. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Communication, travel plans and making arrangements with friends, relatives or your lover will lead to interesting changes in your personal life. Get professional responsibilities out of the way so you can enjoy a little downtime without feeling anxious or worried. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Open up to new ideas and concepts. You can improve your physical and emotional wellness if you look into a healthier lifestyle. Attending a seminar or conference geared toward holistic medicine, exercise and diet will be enlightening. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Listen carefully and make changes based on the information you are given. Don't assume anything or you may end up with something you don't want. Precision and strategy will be required to ensure that your personal situation is in sync with your goals. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't let anyone put demands on you mentally, physically or financially. Problems with partnerships will escalate if you don't stand up for your rights. You may have to make a move in order to maintain your integrity. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Knowledge is key when it comes to financial and medical issues. Communicate with people who have a vested interest in the choices you make. A job opportunity will be worth checking out. Follow your heart and your dreams. Love is looking good. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't fight the inevitable. Embrace change and make it work to your advantage. You can stabilize your situation if you take a positive approach to whatever needs to be done to make your life better. Emotional arguments will lead to a stalemate. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are entrepreneurial. You command attention and are eager to please.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	8	9	1	6	7	4	5	3
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5	3	4	9	7	8	1	6	2

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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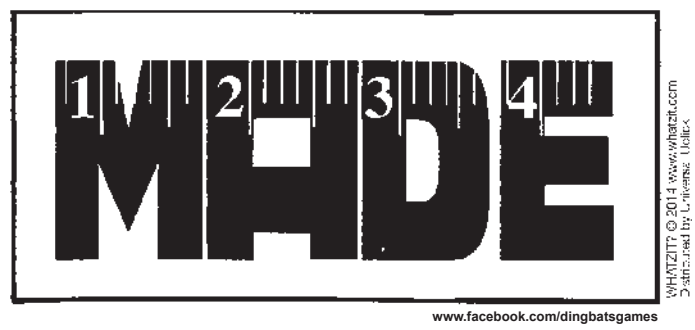

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Heat rally past Nets to East finals, 96-94

MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James leaped onto a courtside table as the postgame celebration was starting, thumped his chest and punched the air.

Next stop: The Eastern Conference finals. Again.

James scored 29 points, Dwyane Wade added 28 and Ray Allen delivered two huge plays in the final seconds as the Heat rallied to beat the Brooklyn Nets 96-94 on Wednesday night, winning the second-round matchup 4-1.

"It's always been like that for us," James said. "It's never easy. It's never easy for us."

Sure looks easy, though. It was the 10th straight series win for the two-time defending NBA champions.

"When we met the first day for prep we said the No. 1 key, overwhelmingly the No. 1 key in this series, was great mental stability," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

"That's what it was down the stretch ... incredible focus."

Incredible defense, too, when it was needed most.

Down by eight with less than five minutes left, the Heat forced Brooklyn into nine straight missed shots while peeling off a 12-0 run to take the lead. Allen's 3-pointer off an assist by Mario Chalmers with 32 seconds remaining was the go-ahead moment, and the Heat wouldn't trail again.

Allen disrupted Joe Johnson's dribble on the game's final play, James then swiped the ball out of everyone's reach, time expired—and the Heat advanced.

"Give the Heat credit," Nets coach Jason Kidd said. "They were attacking there in the fourth quarter. We were attacking. Both teams were attacking. They made plays, they made shots and we didn't."

Chris Bosh scored 16 and Allen finished with 13 for Miami. Johnson had 34 points, Paul Pierce scored 19 and Deron Williams had 17 for the Nets.

It's the sixth trip to the East title series in the last 10 seasons for Miami, which is bidding for a fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals—something only the Lakers and Celtics franchises have accomplished.

James is heading to the East finals for the sixth time in eight seasons, the first two of those trips coming with Cleveland in 2007 and 2009.

The Heat will next face either fifth-seeded Washington or top-seeded Indiana. The Pacers lead that series 3-2, one win away from setting up a rematch with Miami that seemed like an absolute certainty for much of the season.

"Obviously, we thought this was a game we should have won," Johnson said.

Brooklyn led 49-42 at the half, with Miami missing 15 of its first 16 tries from 3-point range. The Nets closed the half on an 8-0 run and the lone bright spot in the opening 24 minutes for Miami was Wade, who had 20 points—more than any other two players to that point combined—on 7-for-12 shooting.

"He has a way, right? He's a playoff warrior," Spoelstra said.

Eventually, barely, Miami broke through. But it took most of the second half to get there, since whenever Miami tried to put together a run Brooklyn found a way to keep things together.

■ A layup from James late in the third got the Heat within three; a minute later, the margin was eight again.

■ A free throw from James with 9:03 left cut Brooklyn's lead to 77-73; less than a minute later, it was 82-73 after a 3-pointer by Pierce.

■ A 3-pointer by Bosh made it a four-point game again; two Brooklyn possessions and zero Miami stops later, it was 86-78 after a sensational step-back jumper by Johnson. And when Johnson connected on another tough shot with 4:49 left, it was 91-83 and the Nets could sense that the night would be theirs.

Then the Heat scored the next 12 points, and that was enough.

Barely, but enough.

"For us, it was just about getting stops," Wade said. "We knew offensively that we needed to execute, but we knew we weren't going to win the game unless we got some stops."

For the Nets, more than $180 million in salary and luxury tax was supposed to bring a championship. Instead, billionaire owner Mikhail Prokhorov got only a trip to the second round as his return on a massive investment. Brooklyn lost center Brook Lopez to a broken foot after 17 games, struggled through the first two months of the season, then turned it on after Jan. 1.

"We fought back and hung in there this year," Williams said. "A lot of people counted us out."

Some big decisions—mainly regarding the futures of Pierce and Kevin Garnett—will have to be made by the Nets. Pierce will be a free agent; Garnett has a year left on his deal, though it's been speculated he will consider retirement.

Garnett left without comment.

"Emotions are too fresh right now," Pierce said.

Miami's future is more clear. The East finals await.

AP

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) goes to the basket against the Brooklyn Nets during the first half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball game in Miami, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Spurs 104, Trail Blazers 102

In San Antonio, the veteran San Antonio Spurs showed Portland a few things about succeeding in the playoffs. The biggest lesson was how not to panic when an All-Star goes down.

Danny Green and Kawhi Leonard each scored 22 points, and San Antonio overcame an injury to Tony Parker to close out the Western Conference semifinals with a 104-82 victory on Wednesday night.

Patty Mills scored 18 points and Tim Duncan had 16 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio, which had four blowout victories in the five-game series.

It's the third straight conference finals appearance for San Antonio, which lost a heartbreaking seven-game series to the Miami Heat in last season's NBA Finals.

San Antonio, which had the NBA's best record, will await the winner of the series between Oklahoma City and the Los Angeles Clippers. The Thunder have a 3-2 lead.

"Whoever's the best team, I want to play them," Leonard said. "It's gonna prepare us for the (NBA) finals."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points for Portland, while Damian Lillard added 17 points and 10 assists.

With Parker forced to exit in the first half with a hamstring injury, Leonard, Mills and Green pressed the action on both ends.

San Antonio finished with 13 steals, including five for Leonard, while forcing 18 turnovers.

"My mindset was just trying to be aggressive on the offensive end," Leonard said. "Just knowing Tony was out, he's very aggressive and still try to stick with our system. Play our offense, move the ball, just try to be a little more aggressive."

The Spurs also had 24 assists on 42 baskets, shooting 47 percent from the field, and had 43 fast-break points.

"They definitely showed us about moving the ball around," Aldridge said "They made five or six passes every possession down. It just makes your defense tired and just makes guys make mistakes. They definitely showed use where we are trying to go."

After playing with various injuries throughout last postseason, the Spurs had been healthy in these playoffs until Wednesday.

After returning to the court with 9:46 remaining in the second quarter following his normal rest, Parker left the game exactly a minute later. He headed back to the locker room followed closely by San Antonio general manager R.C. Buford and team physician, Dr. Paul Saenz.

"Luckily we have a couple of days," Duncan said. "It worries us, obviously, but he's been going hard. He's had a great series thus far, and it just kind of caught up with him. They pulled the plug on him before he hurt himself. He started to feel a little weird and they did the right thing. Hopefully that helps; hopefully there's nothing there."

Parker was scoreless in 10 minutes, missing his only two shots as Portland pushed to keep the All-Star point guard out of the paint.

With Parker out, the Spurs' bench outscored the Trail Blazers' 40-7.

"Everybody stepped up," forward Boris Diaw said. "We have a very solid team, a very deep bench."

The lack of bench production was especially critical considering how Splitter and the Spurs were able to contain Aldridge.

After averaging 29.8 points in Portland's upset of Houston in the opening round of the playoffs, Aldridge was limited to 21.8 points.

"I don't know maybe you can tell me," Aldridge said when asked about the Spurs' defense. "I had the same looks. I actually got to the rim more in this series than in last series. I just missed easy shots. I have to be better for us to win. I definitely didn't play well in this series so it was tough for us to win games."

Even with Parker slowed, the Spurs still had another good start thanks to their hustle on the boards.

Tiago Splitter had two offensive rebounds in the opening 3 minutes. The Spurs, who were averaging 9.3 offensive rebounds in the postseason, had five in the first quarter alone.

Mills provided a huge spark even before Parker's exit.

The energetic Aussie sprinted for a layup after tipping away C.J. McCollum's dribble in the backcourt. A possession later, Mills blocked Lillard's 3-pointer, igniting a fast break that led to Green's first 3 of the game.

"What Patty (Mills) did today was outstanding," Ginobili said. "Patty, Danny, and Kawhi, especially, were fantastic. We struggled all series in the third quarters, and they really stepped up. They were aggressive, getting steals, running the transition and ones we got that lead back to 20, it kind of felt like it was over."

Green had the strongest effort of the postseason, going 4 for 6 on 3s.

San Antonio had four 3s in the second quarter, with Leonard's second extending its lead to 43-30 with 4:47 remaining in the half.

Ortiz goes deep twice—again—Red Sox beat Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—David Ortiz homered twice for the second straight game and the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-4 on Wednesday night.

Big Papi went 3 for 5 with two RBIs, one night after a four-hit performance against his former team. Both of his homeruns—off Kevin Correia (1-5) in the third and Caleb Theilbar in the fifth—traveled more than 400 feet into the right-field upper deck at Target Field, where he's batting .528 (28 of 53) in 13 career games.

It was more than enough for Felix Doubront (2-3), who allowed a run on seven hits in 6 1-3 innings and retired nine straight at one point. Doubront hadn't won since April 3 at Baltimore, his first start of the season.

White Sox 4, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Jose Abreu hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to help Chicago snap a four-game losing streak.

Gordon Beckham homered on the first pitch of the game for the White Sox, who rallied against Oakland's bullpen to end a seven-game losing streak at the Coliseum.

John Jaso and Josh Donaldson hit solo homers off Andre Rienzo for the Athletics.

Beckham and Conor Gillaspie started the rally with one-out singles against Fernando Abad (0-1), and Abreu greeted Luke Gregerson with a no-doubt drive to left field for his 15th home run of the season.

Tigers 7, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Rajai Davis homered, and Detroit overcame a rare shaky performance by Justin Verlander to complete a three-game sweep.

The Tigers have won 12 of their last 15 games, including eight in a row on the road. Baltimore has lost four straight.

Verlander (5-2) allowed a season-high five runs on six hits with four strikeouts and three walks in six innings. He still improved to 7-0 in eight outings at Camden Yards. But it was the first time in 15 games a Detroit starter allowed more than three runs.

Rays 2, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Jake Odorizzi pitched one-hit ball for six innings, but the Tampa Bay Rays lost All-Star Ben Zobrist in a win.

Zobrist dislocated his left thumb on a headfirst slide while trying to steal second base in the fifth. The valuable all-purpose player jammed himself into the bag after being tagged out, walked off the field holding his hand and later had his thumb adjusted back into place.

Zobrist will remain with the team for the final four games of a West Coast road trip and be re-evaluated when the Rays return home.

Indians 15, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, David Murphy had five hits and five RBIs and Lonnie Chisenhall had five hits and an RBI and Cleveland beat Toronto.

Corey Kluber (4-3) pitched seven innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season, and Carlos Santana and Yan Gomes homered as the Indians set season-highs with 22 hits and 15 runs in winning for the sixth time in eight games.

Astros 5, Rangers 4

In Houston, Matt Dominguez hit an RBI single off the right-field wall in the ninth inning and Houston won a series against their in-state rivals for the first time since 2008.

The Astros took two of three after losing 15 straight series to the Rangers. Houston overcame a four-run deficit to win.

Dexter Fowler singled with one out in the ninth, Jason Castro drew a walk and Dominguez hit a long fly ball off Nick Martinez (0-1).

Royals 3, Rockies 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Mike Moustakas hit a three-run double in the second inning, and Jason Vargas and Kansas City bullpen made it stand up.

Vargas (4-1) did not allow a hit until the fourth inning and did not allow a run until Drew Stubbs belted a two-run homer in the seventh.

Louis Coleman got the Royals out of the inning without any more damage, and Kelvin Herrera worked a perfect eighth before Greg Holland survived a shaky ninth for his 10th save.

In Milwaukee, backup catcher Chris Stewart's single keyed a three-run burst in the ninth inning against Francisco Rodriguez and sent the Pittsburgh Pirates past, ending the Brewers' three-game winning streak.

Rodriguez (1-1) had given up only one run in 21 innings in his first 21 games. But the Pirates tagged the Milwaukee closer for four consecutive hits to beat the Brewers for only the second time in nine games.

Marlins 13, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Ed Lucas homered for Miami during a six-run second inning in which second baseman Dee Gordon's fielding error led to five unearned runs, and the Marlins scored another six runs two innings later.

Anthony DeSclafani (1-0) allowed two runs and seven hits over six innings to earn the win in his major league debut. He had a single and drove in two runs.

Reed Johnson had a two-run homer and Jeff Mathis added a three-run shot in support of DeSclafani, a 24-year-old right-hander who was inserted into the rotation after Marlins ace Jose Fernandez was placed on the disabled list on Monday.

Giants 10, Braves 4

In San Francisco, Hunter Pence, Michael Morse and Brandon Crawford homered to power the San Francisco Giants past Atlanta.

Gregor Blanco stole three bases and scored three runs as the Giants continued to dominate the matchup of NL division leaders. San Francisco finished 5-1 against Atlanta this season.

Madison Bumgarner (5-3) allowed four runs and five hits in five innings.

Nationals 5, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Ian Desmond and Tyler Moore each lined two-run singles in the ninth inning to break open a close game, helping the Washington Nationals beat Arizona.

Nationals starter Doug Fister was locked into a pitcher's duel with Brandon McCarthy before Washington pulled away.

Jayson Werth homered and Tyler Clippard (4-3) tossed one scoreless inning for Washington. Brad Ziegler (0-1) had pitched 18 1-3 straight scoreless innings.

Angels 3, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Garrett Richards allowed five hits over seven innings and the Angels swept the two-game series.

Mike Trout, who grew up in nearby Millville, New Jersey, went 1 for 4 with a triple, walk and stolen base.

Richards (4-0) struck out eight, had no walks and lowered his ERA to 2.42. Ernesto Frieri pitched a perfect eighth and Joe Smith finished off the five-hitter for his fifth save in seven tries.

A.J. Burnett (2-3) labored through five innings, allowing three runs and seven hits. He struck out six and walked five.

The Angels have won five of six to move a season-high three games above .500. Philadelphia has lost three straight and seven of nine to fall a season-worst four games under .500.

Yankees 4, Mets 0

In New York, Masahiro Tanaka pitched a four-hitter for his first major league shutout and the Yankees got home runs from Yangervis Solarte and Mark Teixeira at Citi Field.

Brian Roberts tripled twice and the Yankees finally beat their crosstown rivals after dropping six straight. The Mets took all four Subway Series games last year and won two slugfests in the Bronx this week.

Tanaka (6-0) overwhelmed the Mets with his vast assortment of pitches while spoiling Rafael Montero's major league debut. Montero (0-1) threw six competitive innings but was no match for the $155 million rookie from Japan.

Tanaka struck out eight and walked none in his first complete game in the majors. He also singled, giving him one more than Mets pitchers have in 64 at-bats this season.

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Pistorius to be sent for psychiatric

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)—Oscar Pistorius will undergo psychiatric evaluation after the judge ruled at his murder trial Wednesday that his state of mind when he killed his girlfriend should be assessed by experts, possibly delaying court proceedings for two months.

The ruling was prompted by testimony by a psychiatrist on behalf of the defense that the double-amputee Olympic athlete has generalized anxiety disorder and that this may have influenced his judgment when he fatally shot Reeva Steenkamp through a toilet door in his home on Feb. 14, 2013.

The chief prosecutor, Gerrie Nel, then requested psychiatric testing—a move opposed by Pistorius' chief lawyer. Judge Thokozile Masipa agreed with the prosecutor, saying it was important to independently assess Pistorius' state of mind because the defense might now argue that he was not criminally responsible for the shooting because of his anxiety disorder.

"The accused may not have raised the issue that he was not criminally responsible at the time of the incident in so many words, but evidence led on his behalf clearly raised the issue and cannot be ignored," the judge said. Pistorius will likely be evaluated by a panel of psychiatrists at a government facility.

Pistorius says he shot Steenkamp by mistake in the predawn hours, thinking there was an intruder in his home. His lawyers have regularly pointed to his fear of violent crime and vulnerability as an amputee as central to his account of a mistaken killing. After meeting with Pistorius on two occasions at the beginning of this month, Dr. Merryll Vorster testified this week that he was "hypervigilant" and constantly feared being attacked.

But legal analysts said the defense team's decision to introduce Vorster's testimony may have backfired. John Welch, former deputy director of South Africa's public prosecuting authority, said Pistorius' lawyers may have called the psychiatrist to the stand at such a late stage in the trial to "remedy" the athlete's own testimony, which has been viewed as unconvincing. But in testifying that Pistorius was anxious, felt vulnerable to crime and may not have intended to kill Steenkamp, Vorster possibly "went too far" in her description of the psychiatric disorder, according to Welch.

Pistorius, 27, stood with his hands clasped in front of him in the courtroom as the judge explained her decision. He could be acquitted if the judge rules he was not criminally responsible for Steenkamp's shooting because of a mental illness. A mental disorder could also be used by his defense for a lighter sentence in the event of a conviction.

The prosecution says Pistorius killed Steenkamp intentionally after an argument. In asking for the psychiatric evaluation, Nel may be trying to remove grounds for appeal by the defense—on the basis of a psychiatric disorder—should he be convicted.

Judge Masipa said the court would reconvene on Tuesday to decide on details regarding Pistorius' period of observation. In South Africa, it is normally for 30 days. Masipa said it would be preferable that Pistorius be evaluated as an outpatient and return home each day after tests. He is free on bail after being charged with premeditated murder.

After his tests, the experts who assess Pistorius would take additional time to compile a report and submit it to the court. That could take another month, raising the possibility of a two-month delay in the trial, which started March 3 and is in its eighth week of proceedings.

The judge acknowledged that there would be a significant delay, but said it was necessary.

"This is not about anyone's convenience, but rather about whether justice has been served," Masipa said.

Marius du Toit, a defense lawyer not involved in the case but following it closely, said a panel of three psychiatrists would provide the court with a report on Pistorius, and it may also deal with the issue of his fitness to stand trial at all.

Despite the defense team's opposition to the psychiatric evaluation, Pistorius' uncle, Arnold Pistorius, said outside the courthouse that the ruling reaffirmed the family's confidence in the justice system.

"As a family, we are comforted by the thoroughness and detail of this judgment and Judge Masipa's commitment, using every avenue, to ensure a fair trial," Arnold Pistorius said in his prepared statement.

Krishnan is SGA April Ace

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan F&B director Das Krishnan won the Saipan Golfers Association's April Àce of the Month Tournament held last May 4 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course.

Krishnan scored a net of 76 after the 13-handicapper shot an 89 gross (45-44). He actually finished tied with Frances Sablan, but edged the lady golfer via scorecard playoff. Sablan settled for second and Steve Balakrishna came in third with a net score of 77.

In the closest to the pin competition, Balakrishna won hole No. 6 and Larry Deleon Guerrero took hole No. 15.

In the longest drives, Balakrishna was once again without peer in hole No. 5 and Sablan broke through in hole No. 10

The SGA 2014 May Ace of the Month Tournament is scheduled for May 25 at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi. Tee time will be announced later. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Krishnan

PAIRE

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before rushing to hit the ball that rolled to the right side of Quimzon. The next three players to step on the box for Paire faltered on their shots. Robbie Schorr's attempt hit the top center post and bounced out, Jamin Elliot's shot kick was way far right, and Quimzon caught Kaden Church's shot.

As for MP United, Jon Villagomez made the first attempt and missed, while Tony Kim canned the equalizer with his looper going into the left side of Paire goalie Steven Kileleman. Kileleman went on to get two saves against Geon Ho Lee and Rintaro Miyawaki, as he tapped the ball out, and the exciting game remained tied, 1-all.

A shot from Eun Syu Hahn broke the deadlock and gave MP United a 2-1 lead. Hahn went a few steps away from the box to prepare for the kick with the ball going over the head of Kileleman and rolling down inside the net.

Now behind, 1-2, Blake Mister trooped to the box for the pressure-packed shot and the lefty delivered with a thunderous cross shot to keep Paire's title hopes alive.

With the match still even, the shootout continued with MP United tapping Andy Kim to start the second round. Kim took some time before kicking the ball, which hit the bottom right side (goalie's side) of the post and bounced out. The tough break put MP United's title on the line and Paire went on to dethrone last season's champion, thanks to Taisacan's conversion.

The Paire-MP United title showdown went to the shootout after the match was tied at 1-all in regulation and neither team scored in the 15-minute extension period. MP United drilled the first goal in the game off Miyawaki's shot, while Raffi Lee nailed the game-tying goal also in the first 30 minutes of play.

Yesterday's close win avenged Paire's 0-1 loss to MP United in the inaugural FA Cup three years ago. Tyce Mister is the champion team's coach, while other members of the squad are Subin Cho, Gordon and Ignacio Demapan, Juan and Mateo Guerrero, Mia Hirsh, Hyeonbin Jeong, Andy Lee, Nolan Mariano, Mark Nam, Dan Christopher Salde, John Michael Navarro, Neil Brian Sagum, Dominic Torres, and Miku Torres.

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The pennant champions gave the Brewers a dose of their own medicine, playing solid defense in Game 3 to avert the defending champions' bid for a series sweep. The Brewers, who allowed the Yankees to score in only one inning in each of the first two games, this time made no more than one run in the three innings they hit the board.

The Yankees' strong defense forced the Brewers to back-to-back 1-2-3 plays in the first two innings, which ended with the former on top, 2-0. Rightfielder Brian Camacho gave the Yankees their first run at the bottom of the first, as his single drove leadoff batter A.J. Lizama home. Camacho also reached home plate off Greg Iskawa's single.

The Brewers moved within one with Roy Celis scoring off Ben Flores' error at third base at the top of the third and the defending champions had a chance to steal the lead with runners on first and second. However, the Yankees made a double play to keep the upper hand with shortstop Lizama tagging out Ton Leon Guerrero at second before throwing to first baseman Gary Cruz for the third out.

After the missed opportunities, the Brewers managed to tie the match with Tyrone Omar blasting an RBI single at the top of the fifth. The deadlock did not last long, however, as leftfielder Ben Jones countered with a two-RBI double at the bottom of the fifth and he also scored off Leon Guererro's miscue to lift the Yankees to a 5-2 advantage.

The Yankees kept the driver's seat, as their defense held the Brewers to only one run in the last four innings. The Brewers got their third run in the seventh inning with Leon Guerrero reaching off Flores' booboo at third base. The defending champions failed to launch a rally, as they went 1-2-3 in the sixth and ninth inning and were done in the eighth after only four batters, as the Yankees worked out another double play.

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mixed relay), while Oleai Elementary School's Aiko Rasiang gained the top honors in the girls division. Rasiang won in the 60m, 100m, and vortex throw.

In the U12 age group, the trophies for outstanding athletes went to Oleai's K-Son Peter and San Vicente Elementary School's Jaime Pangelinan. Peter earned the nod of Northern Marianas Athletics officials after lording it over in the long jump and 100m and helping his team to runner-up finishes in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Pangelinan, on the other hand, ruled the sprints—60m, 100m, and 200m—and finished second in the long jump.

In the U14 age group, Hopwood Junior High School had a sweep with J.J. Jones winning in the boys division and Jessme Jones prevailing in the girls category. J.J. Jones was the top finisher in three events, dominating the 100m, 200m, and 400m races. Jessme also delivered in sprint events, topping the 60m and 100m race, while he was runner-up in the 200m and long jump.

Completing the list of this year's outstanding athletes were Kagman High School's Jason Lampkin and Marianas High School's Zarinae Sapong. Lampkin was a force in field events, placing first in the softball and javelin throw and second in long jump and discus. He also had a third place finish in the 200m. Sapong won the 200m and 400m runs, softball throw, and long jump and was second in the 60m race and javelin.

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Tampa Bay	18	23	.439	3½

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Detroit	24	12	.667	–
Kansas City	20	19	.513	5½
Chicago	20	22	.476	7
Cleveland	19	21	.475	7
Minnesota	18	20	.474	7

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Oakland	25	16	.610	–
Los Angeles	21	18	.538	3
Seattle	20	20	.500	4½
Texas	20	21	.488	5
Houston	14	27	.341	11

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Los Angeles	22	20	.524	4½
San Diego	19	21	.475	6½
Arizona	16	27	.372	11

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Toka, Rollers thwart foes

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Toka and Rollers downed separate opponents in similar fashion during a pair of games in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Rollers pulled off an upset over the defending champion Blue Haus, 86-84, to improve to a 3-3 record for fifth place in the eight-team field with one more game left in the regular season. Toka finished the single-round robin preliminary with a 6-1 slate, following an 80-75 victory over Island Manpower in the second match. Toka tied JP World at first place, but the latter wins the tiebreak and will be seeded first in the single-elimination playoffs by virtue of its 99-83 triumph over the former last month.

Toka finished the regular season on a four-game winning streak, foiling Island Manpower's bid for its fourth win after a big steal from Preston Basa down the stretch. With nine seconds left and Toka hanging on to a 2-point lead, 77-75, Island Manpower had possession and a chance to hit the equalizer or go-ahead basket. Pete Lizama made the inbound and passed the leather to Syl Teregeyo, who drove from the top key to the center, but his pocket was picked by Basa. Basa then dribbled toward their frontcourt and canned a trey at the buzzer to peg the final score.

Earlier before Teregeyo lost possession, Toka also made a defensive stop after the inbound play, as Barcinas intercepted Lizama's pass to Butch Kaipat. Fortunately, for Island Manpower, Barcinas failed to hang on to the ball, which Lizama picked up. Lizama then got out of the sideline and used a screen from his teammate to pull up for a triple from the right key. He missed, but he was fouled. However, the referee ruled that the infraction was called before he attempted the shot, preventing Lizama from going to the line for three charities. Island Manpower was forced to do another inbound and failed to go for the basket with Basa stealing the leather from Teregeyo.

Besides doing the biggest defensive stop in the game, Basa also led Toka's offense, as he scored a game-high 27 points. Jason Lampkin and Barcinas also finished in double figures with 18 and 14, respectively.

In the first match, the Rollers drew another big game from C.J. Morales to edge Blue Haus. Morales logged 27 points for his third straight 20-plus output this season. He, Prince Factor, Mike Espinosa, and Mike Arciaga made crucial baskets and free throws in the fourth quarter to hand Blue Haus its second loss and drop the defending champion to third place.

Blue Haus, which led by 3 at the end of the third, 63-66, lost the upper hand as they converted only four field goals against the seven of Rollers and had to bleed for points from the foul line. Blue Haus' last five markers came from the stripe and all were made by Elmer Esdrelon.

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Toka's Jason Lampkin drives against two Island Manpower defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the QQ caging last Wednesday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

First Game

Rollers 86 – Morales 27, Factor 17, Arciaga 13, Malonzo 10, Espinosa 5, Fidelino 4, Ano 2.

Blue Haus 84 – Esdrelon 18, Devero 17, Talania 10, De Dios 10, Demapan 10, Santos 7, Barbo 4, Aquino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-13, 41-43, 63-66, 86-84.

Second Game

Toka 80 – Basa 27, Lampkin 18, Barcinas 14, Joyner 9, Caro 4, Rabauliman 2.

Island Manpower 75 – Lizama 22, Bisana 12, Capalad 12, Teregeyo 9, Tobias 4, Standish 4, Hernaez 2, Libuw 2, Kaipat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-12, 39-31, 66-57, 80-75.

5 get NMASA April honors

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Kanae Quinn, seen here with the pro winners in last month's Tagaman Triathlon, took the NMASA Female Athlete of the Month (for April) award.

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Five athletes made it to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association honor list for April.

Triathlon's Kanae Quinn led the list and is joined by swimming's Angel Marie Tan, tennis' Luther Lizama, soccer's Tanapon Unsa, and bowling's Ronald Batac.

Quinn took the NMASA Female Athlete of the Month (for April) after completing back-to-back triathlon events in the CNMI. She first participated in XTERRA Saipan and was the first female finisher (fourth overall) in the XTERRA Sport course with a time of 2:29:56. The following week, Quinn joined the longer and tougher Tagaman Triathlon, placing fourth in the pro division with a personal best time of 3:08:13 in the Olympic-distance race. Before the two triathlon events on Saipan, Quinn also took part in XTERRA Guam and still had a respectable finish despite having problems with her shoes and an early crash.

Sharing the NMASA Athlete of the Month recognition with Quinn was Batac, who earned the award for the men's division after ruling the Saipan Bowling Association-Budweiser April King of the Lanes Tournament.

Batac took the SBA April honors against the favored Robert Talavera, who won the first three monthly tournaments. Batac collected 833 pinfalls in a four-game series to beat Talavera, who had the next two best scores in the two-day tournament (815 and 808).

In the TSL Foundation/ NMASA Student Athlete of the Month race, Unsa and Lizama tied for the boys plum after getting four votes apiece during the NMASA meeting last week. Unsa was nominated and selected for the April honors after helping MP United win the boys U18 championship in the NMIFA youth spring league. The MP United forward scored 20 goals in nine games and won the Golden Boot award in the division.

Lizama was also triumphant in the 2014 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships, sweeping his way to the boys U12 title. He marched into the finals after making short work of Robbie Schorr, 6-2, 6-4, and bagged the championship after a clinical 6-0, 6-1 victory versus Vincent Tudela.

In the TSL Foundation/ NMASA Student Athlete of the Month contest, there is only one winner in Tan, who bested two other candidates. Tan earned NMASA's nods for her strong showing in the swim legs of both XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman Triathlon. She was the second female and fifth overall finisher in the swim leg in Tagaman after submitting 11:34 and helped her team for a fifth place finish (overall) in the relay race. In XTERRA, Tan was the first female out of the water (33:22) and 10th overall, defeating the six women pro, and her squad was ranked first in the relay.

88 join 5th Annual Hope Run

The Seventh Day Adventist School's 5th Annual Hope Run held early this month lured 88 runners.

Derek Leung led the finishers of the 5K course that started at the Garapan Fishing Base and ended in Susupe across the Superior Court. Leung completed the race in 20:56 and was awarded the top prize in the 21 and over category. Joining him in the Top 10 were Ronald Villafria (21:41), Si Young Heo (22:17), Tamio Nishikido (22:45), Joshua Berger (23:56), Thai Nguyen (24:40), Tats Chubachi (25:03), John Sario (25:09), Rolly Verzon (25:32), and Suzy Kindel (25:43).

In the two other age group categories—U10 and 11 to 20—only the Top 5 finishers were recognized. Wataru Tajima (28:41) ruled the 11 to 20 age group, beating Jon Lacorte (36:27), Seong Bin Heo (36:48), Alex Lee (38:02), and Joshua Qiu (39:14). In the U10 division, the top finisher was Alliyah Fernandez (37:44), followed by Sydney Lim (38:35), Jason Kim (41:27), Soo Choi (43:14), and Marielle Lopez (43:15).

The race was held on May 4 and was a fundraiser with proceeds going to the Hope Run Scholarship Fund. This scholarship helps SDA School students who are in need of financial assistance. Virle Gayatin coordinated the race.

The organizing school would like to thank its staff and the students and their parents for their support with the ticket sales. SDA School also would like to thank the following sponsors: 89.9 Joy FM, DFS, Lollipops, McDonald's, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Herman's Bakery, Athlete's Foot, Island Apparel, Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic, All-Stars Sporting Goods, Pacific Islands Club, Mariana's Resort & Spa, IT&E, World Resort, Fiesta Resort, 360 Restaurant, National Office Supply, Subway, and Joeten.

"A special thanks to our top ticket-selling student, Javon Gersonde, who sold 68 tickets. Thank you also to the SDA church members who helped with first aid and communications, as well as to all the donors and runners who joined in the event. Through their participation, they are supporting the education of our students," stated SDA in its media release. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Runners head out to the course during the Seventh Day Adventist School's 5th Annual Hope Run held early this month.

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Sports

Paire steals FA Cup from MP United

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Paire U12 players and coaches are all smiles after beating MP United in a shootout, 3-2, during the finale of the 2014 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup yesterday at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

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Paire U12 dethroned MP United U12 after escaping with a 3-2 win in a shootout during their championship game in the 2014 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup yesterday at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

Marty Taisacan made the dagger as he went for a quick sweeping right kick that caught MP United goalie Jason Quimzon flatfooted.

"I was a bit nervous before I took the shot because the game was tied. Then right after I heard the whistle, I just kicked the ball strong," said Taisacan, who was mobbed by his teammates after the game-winning kick.

Taisacan was the sixth Paire player to go for the kick. Raffi Lee was the first one and converted on the shot, taking some time

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Yankees stay alive, win Game 3

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The Saipan Stevedore Yankees huddle during Game 2 of their title series against the GSM Brewers in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Yankees lost Game 2, but came back in Game 3 to remain in contention.

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The Saipan Stevedore Yankees are still in contention for the championship in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League, following a 5-3 win in Game 3 of their title series against the GSM Brewers last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Yankees will try to equalize the best-of-five championship showdown with another victory in tonight's Game 4, while the Brewers will make their second attempt to close the series.

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10 named top athletes in All Schools

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Ten students were recognized for their outstanding performance in the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships held last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

In the U8 age group, William S. Reyes' John Mark Anastacio and Koblerville's Princess Kasian took the top athletes trophies. Kasian had four first place wins in her age group, while Anastacio ruled three events and placed third in one. Anastacio prevailed in the 800m, 1,500m, and 400m runs and was third in the 60m race, while Kasiang reigned in the 400m, 200m, 800m, and 1,500m.

Kasian's teammate Kacy Figueroa triumphed in the boys U10, winning three events (200m, 400m, and

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The outstanding athletes in the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships pose with their trophies awarded by McDonald's Marcia Ayuyu, front row second right, and her son Joe, right, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.